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The tip in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, will close

A NEAR £1m transformation of a crumbling council depot bringing hundreds of staff under one roof is in the pipeline.

The revamp of the Lister Road site in Dudley forms part of a proposed shake-up that will see the main Stourbridge tip in Birmingham Street close and Leys Depot in Brierley Hill become the main waste centre for the borough.

Council bosses want to redevelop the Lister Road Depot – home to its waste services staff, gritting trucks, and pot-hole repair teams – bringing it up to date.

Under a planning application now lodged, it wants to improve site security and safety while also creating a new five-storey office block.

Councillor Patrick Harley, the new leader of Dudley Council, said: "The offices in Lister Road are really dilapidated and do need repairing. This is something that is much needed and will bring the site back up to date. We need to get everyone more centralised so that they can be working all together."

The plans for the new hub state: "The Lister Road Depot has significant underlying investment need, which is estimated to be in excess of £900,000."

"Similar to the Leys Depot, the site has serious structural defects, extensive asbestos issues and dilapidated 'temporary' buildings."

The plan involves demolition of the exist-

ing buildings to be replaced with a gritter storage canopy, ancillary building, paint booth, office building and car park.

A phased construction of the site would take place, meaning the existing facility would continue to operate without interruption.

Staff moving to the new-look Lister Road site would include hundreds of office staff from Leys Road, where the housing department and asbestos teams are based. Those from the current Lister Road offices will also transfer to the new building.

Council bosses want to sell off the Birmingham Street tip in Stourbridge and make the Leys Depot the central base for waste disposal

COURT

Boy charged over store 'explosive'

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy has been charged with making explosives after a supermarket in Blackheath was evacuated in a major alert following a fire.

Hundreds fled from the Sainsbury's store on Saturday as armed officers swarmed onto the site at 12.10pm.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was appearing at magistrates court in Walsall on Monday charged with possession of a bladed article and further charges of making an explosive substance and maliciously causing an explosive substance to endanger life. The teenager was being remanded in custody.

No-one was hurt in the supermarket incident.

HIGHWAYS

Roadworks next to town train station

DRIVERS face traffic hold-ups for almost a month due to roadworks in Cradley Heath.

Forge Lane, near the train station, will have 24-hour signals from June 19 until July 11. Lower High Street, Chester Road, will also have signals while Western Power Distribution conduct work from July 3 to July 11.

Councillor Julie Webb said: "I wish the utility companies could get their act together. They've only just finished doing the High Street."

MONUMENT

Iron men statue to honour Darby

PLANS have been unveiled for a memorial which will honour one of the founding fathers of the Industrial Revolution who was born in Dudley.

A statue is to be installed in Woodsetton which will feature figures of two people smelting iron. It will honour Abraham Darby I, born in Woodsetton in 1678.

He found a quicker and more effective way of producing iron which helped to spark the industrial revolution. His grandson – Abraham Darby III – went on to build the world-famous Ironbridge in Shropshire.

The statue is being designed by Dudley artist Steve Field.

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Pyjama party fun for bedtime stories



Children dressed in their pyjamas with parents and Sam Lavender from Sandwell Libraries

SANDWELL libraries teamed up with Cornerstone Nursery in Rowley Regis to organise a pyjama party and boost reading to children.

Parents and youngsters dressed in pyjamas to enjoy some bedtime story books read to them by Sam Lavender, who works for Sandwell Libraries.

Children and parents also sang songs accompanied by Silvia Sermon, the nursery's deputy manager, on her guitar.

Silvia said: "We know how important it is to get children and parents to read together and many of our families visit the library regularly."

"We are very fortunate to have support from staff at our local library in Blackheath and the children and parents very much enjoyed our pyjama party."

The pre-school, based at The Flame Community Church in Cardale Street, has organised various activities designed to improve children's literacy.

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Club to improve security after gun scare

A NIGHTCLUB in Stourbridge has been ordered to tighten security after a man allegedly 'waved' a shotgun in the face of door staff.

The Stourbridge Academy, in Hagley Road, will have to improve measures surrounding CCTV cameras, limit opening hours and supply body cameras for security staff.

Police said that their concerns had 'intensified' after limited footage was supplied to them following the alleged firearms incident that took place in the early hours of April 23.

Detective Constable Anthony Hamilton, of West Midlands Police, said: "There was an incident outside of the club that a recovery truck rammed a ve-

hicle a number of times and someone allegedly got out and waved a sawed-off shotgun in the bouncers face and tried to get in. But unfortunately we do not have CCTV footage of acceptable quality."

Relationship

"There had been a good working relationship with the club two years ago but we now feel that there has been a discerning lack of cooperation from them."

During an licensing meeting on May 2 'interim steps' were put in place, including earlier closing times and having three door staff present, with two outside during opening hours. Leo Charalambides,

speaking on behalf of the club, said: "These premises have been here under the same management for 23 years and are a community asset. The problem here was with the CCTV but that can be remedied. There was no systematic managerial failure except for one camera, which is a problem we were willing to put right."

Richard Clark, legal advisor of the committee, said despite being 'extremely concerned' he felt it did not warrant suspension of the licence.

The committee limited licensing hours to 3am and closing times to 3.30am on Friday and Saturday nights. CCTV must be recording to the specification of the police. The club is considering an appeal.

Killer driver was using two mobile phones

A SPEEDING motorist was 'juggling' with two phones moments before killing a 66-year-old pedestrian, a judge heard.

Ryan Freeth sent a text message and tried to make two calls on one mobile while playing music on the other, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Then the 27-year-deleted the tell-tale usage from both and denied causing the death of Leslie Marks for eight months while police recovered the data, it was said.

"For a period of minutes up to the point of impact, whilst driving at unsuitable speed, he was also juggling his attention between two different phones," said Mr Malcolm Morse, prosecuting.

Unmarried Mr Marks was walking home from Sunday lunch with his brother and sister-in-law when hit by the Vauxhall Corsa driven by Freeth as he crossed the road at the junction of the High Street and Bretell Lane, in Amblecote, at 6.50pm on November 29, 2015.

He was flung 5ft into the air and hurled over the bonnet into the road where he was then run over by a BMW 4x4, continued Mr Morse.

Distracted

But the catastrophic head injury caused by the collision with the Corsa was unsurvivable although his death may have been accelerated by further injuries inflicted by the other car, ruled a pathologist.

Freeth was on his way to play football and continued for a short distance before calling his parents who took him to police officers at the scene of the accident. A breath test proved negative.

Experts could not agree on the precise speed of the Corsa but agreed it was travelling 'significantly' above the 30mph limit with the driver 'avoidably distracted'.

Mrs Gosia Marks, the sister-in-law of the victim, said in a statement: "He was a lovely person, kind,

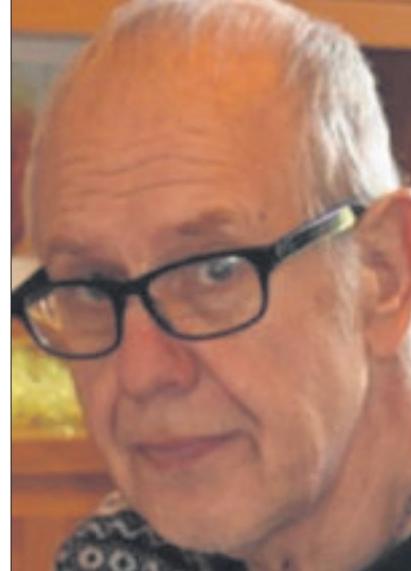


Driver Ryan Freeth was distracted by his phones

gentle and generous." She revealed the death had badly affected her husband George but added: "While we do not want to feel sorry for the defendant neither do we feel anger against him because that would be counter productive."

Mr Talbir Singh, defending, said Freeth had sent a text message and attempted two calls on one phone before the accident while the other was deployed as a 'music device' but insisted neither was in use at the point of impact.

Freeth from Marshall Crescent, Wordsley, pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and was jailed for four years five months with



Victim Leslie Marks, 66, was flung into the air

a five year driving ban after he has been released.

Judge Simon Ward told him: "Analysis of the your phones showed you had been using instant messaging and making several calls about the time your car struck Mr Marks.

Data

"You knew the phone data was incriminating and this must have been a factor in your decision to delete the calls and text messages which you now accept doing."

Speaking after the hearing, Sergeant Alan Wood, from the regional Collision Investigation Unit, said: "We believe that Freeth left the

scene of the collision to try to cover his tracks. When we investigated the collision we revealed that Freeth had been driving at excessive speed and that he had been talking to a friend on his mobile phone at the time.

"The driving ban will not come into effect until he is released from prison and then he will have to wait a further five years before he can take a driving test, meaning he will not be able to drive for many years to come. He has been served with justice and we hope that the sentencing will offer some comfort to Mr Marks' family and also act as a deterrent to other people using mobile phones whilst driving."

Children's home jobs at risk after its takeover

DOZENS of jobs are at risk at a children's home near Stourbridge following a takeover.

Bosses at Sunfield Children's Home said 'all roles are under review' due to financial challenges.

The independent special school at Client employs more than 300 people and has recently been taken over by Ruskin Mill, and said it had 'become increasingly difficult to sustain the viability of high quality services'.

Letters have been sent to staff warning them that positions are under review. Teachers, managers, caretakers, cooks are all understood to be at risk.

Workers have now entered discussions with unions about their futures.

The school has been running for more than 80 years and supports children and young people aged between six and 19, many who have severe learning difficulties. It offers 38 to 52 week residential placements as well as day placements.

Principal Caroline Bell said: "In recent years, as a stand-alone charity, it has become increasingly difficult to sustain the viability of high quality, staff intensive services within this competitive and financially challenging sector."

"We are currently engaged in a collective consultation with the unions and looking at a number of cost-saving measures including non-staffing costs. During this process of consultation, all roles are under review, but Sunfield and the Ruskin Mill Trust (RMT) remain committed to providing a safe and compliant service."

Proposal for nine homes is rejected

PLANS to build homes on green belt land in Stourbridge have been refused.

Councillors were not prepared to let the piece of land on Norton Road be swallowed up by housing development.

A total of nine homes would have been built on the site, along with new access and space for parking.

Planning experts said there were no special circumstances to 'outweigh the harm' of allowing the green belt land to be built on.

Heyford Homes had come forward with the application to build the properties.

The plans came before Dudley Council's planning committee and members agreed they did not want to lose the open greenbelt land.

Concert band to perform at hall

A LEADING Midlands concert orchestra will be performing a free concert at Himley Hall on Sunday afternoon.

AD Concert Band, which is based in Solihull and recently celebrated 40 years, plays popular tunes and film themes. It will be performing from 2.30pm.

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Fines over invasion of pitch at the Hawthorns

FOUR Chelsea fans and a Baggies supporter were handed fines after running on the pitch at the Hawthorns after the London club scored the winner which saw them crowned Premier League champions.

At Dudley Magistrates Court, Baggies supporter Andrew Oakley, 33, from Dudley, pleaded guilty to going on to the pitch.

Chelsea supporters James Healy, 37, of Portsmouth, Eugene Dunne, 48, of Northampton, Matthew Sutcliffe, 39, of Enfield, and Michael Suthers, 31, of Sidcup, admitted the same charge.

Another Baggies supporter, Paul Stevenson, 54, of Fairmile Road, Halesowen, pleaded guilty to the same charge but was given a conditional discharge.

Dealing with Oakley, of Linden Road, and the four Chelsea supporters, Mr Kulbir Singh, prosecuting, said there was no suggestion any of them had been involved in violence.

"As Chelsea scored near to the end of the game, supporters ran on to the pitch," he said. "In isolation I understand that this may seem minimal but we have to consider the impact on other fans and in this case I think it was quite severe."

Oakley, a labourer, was given a £56 fine, which had been reduced for his early guilty plea. He has to pay £135 costs and £30 victim surcharge.

Healy was given with a five-year football banning order, fined £166 and ordered to pay costs of £135 and victim surcharge of £30. Dunne was fined £160, costs of £135 and a £30 surcharge. Sutcliffe, a company director, was given a £160 fine and ordered to pay costs of £135 and a victim surcharge of £30. Suthers was fined £166 with £135 costs and £30 surcharge.

Asda opening to create 80 jobs

A NEW Asda store is due to open in Sedgley next month.

The supermarket giant has taken over the former Co-op store on High Holborn Street.

The move by Asda will create 80 jobs.

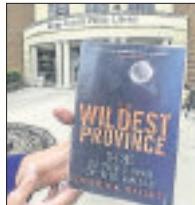
The supermarket is being fitted out in preparation for its opening in July.

Store manager Caroline Lang said: "We can't wait to complete our store transformation and to open the doors of Asda Sedgley to customers in July."

Overnight closure for Manor Way

DUAL carriageway Manor Way, in Halesowen, will be shut from its junction with Grange Road to the M5 roundabout from 8pm on Sunday until 6am Monday due to work on the motorway.

Overdue library book turns up in USA



The book in Kentucky

A LOST library book missing from Dudley for eight years has finally turned up - 4,000 miles away.

The book - The Wildest Province: SOE In the Land of the Eagle - was borrowed in 2009 but was never returned.

It has now mysteriously shown up - in the US state of Kentucky, leaving librarians baffled.

Dudley Library staff were left stunned when they were contacted by the Boone County Public Library in Burlington, Kentucky, to say the book had been handed in there.

Jen Beardmore, head of libraries and

archives at Dudley Council, said: "We always make efforts to get any outstanding books back but to be honest after eight years we'd written this off. You can imagine our surprise when out of the blue we had an email from the librarians in Kentucky saying it had been handed in there."

The book, written by Roderick Bailey, was published in 2008 and is a true account of a group of British soldiers on a mission in Albania during the Second World War.

Dudley Library fines 20p a day for books which are not returned. However,

the person who took out the book eight years ago would not be facing a near £600 bill as fines are capped at £4.

Becky Kemp, public relations manager at Boone County Public Library, said: "The book was just dropped off with a bunch of others. We have books donated and there is no way of knowing who it was. We opened it up and saw it belonged to a library in England."

Mrs Kemp said: "Dudley Library said we could keep it as we would have incurred some costs sending it back. We have a book discussion group and they are passing it around."

Father still numb after loss of his wife and son

"I'M still numb. It's still very raw. The loss of a wife and child - it's impossible to put into words."

Peter Wilkinson fought back tears as he spoke of his wife Tracey and 13-year-old son Pierce, who were so cruelly taken from him.

Just weeks on from the horrific incident which tore this family apart, the 47-year-old struggled as he considered what now seems an impossible task of trying to rebuild his life without them.

Peter Wilkinson was speaking as it was announced the funerals of wife Tracey, 50, and son Pierce, who were killed in an stabbing at the family home in Stourbridge, would be held on Wednesday, June 7.

The company director, who is being comforted by his student daughter Lydia, said he wanted the service to be an 'uplifting' event despite the terrible circumstances of their deaths.

Those attending the funeral in Oldswinford have been told they do not need to wear black.

The grief-stricken father, who was left fighting for his life after the attack in Greyhound Lane, said he remains 'numb' after what happened and is merely 'existing' day to day.

His wife and son both died after suffering multiple stab wounds at the property on March 30.

The joint funeral will be held at St Mary's Church in Oldswinford on June 7, from 11am.

Mr Wilkinson said: "Black is not compulsory. Just because we want the funeral to be uplifting and not a dark ceremony."

"Pierce was taken so young, so it is not a celebration. They would have wanted people to be thinking of them, not necessarily mourning."

Support

It had started like any other morning. The father had gone to take his greyhound for a walk but returned home to a scene of horror - and then he, too, was attacked.

Mr Wilkinson, who is a managing director at Hill & Smith and Asset International in Bilston, said he was struggling to come to terms with the loss of his wife and son.

Asked how he is coping, the devastated father replied: "Existing. I still get very emotional about it. 'Day to day I am getting through to hopefully a brighter place in the future.'

He said daughter Lydia, 18, who was away at university in Bristol at the time of the attack, had been an invaluable support.

Mr Wilkinson said: "She has been a massive support. She is very strong."

"She was told to expect the worst so finding out I was going to live was an uplifting point for her."



Merely 'existing' day to day - Peter Wilkinson is comforted by his 18-year-old daughter Lydia

Mr Wilkinson, who continues to recover from his injuries, said he plans to go back to work full-time at some point but does not know when that will be.

"Physically, I am making a good recovery from what was major trauma. I was saved on the operating table," he said.

"It is a long road to recovery, a number of months."

"I am still on painkillers, it will be a long while."

The room in which Mr Wilkinson sat was lined with cards from well-wishers.

He said: "The support from friends, the outpour-

ing of grief and support from the general public has been phenomenal."

"You never think this is going to happen to you. People have done everything they can to support us and I am extremely grateful for that."

Reflecting on the tragedy, he added: "We were a close family, a normal, close family. We have just been ripped apart by this."

Barney, 23, has admitted attempting to murder Mr Wilkinson. He is also charged with murdering Tracey and Pierce but has yet to enter pleas.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cats no longer feline groovy

PET owners in the West Midlands prefer dogs over cats, new research reveals.

The study, conducted by Provident, showed 46.32 per cent of people said they were a 'dog person', compared with 32.11 per cent who said they were a 'cat person'.

A total of 2,000 people took part in the survey.

The research also revealed dog owners on average shell out £254.73 a year to repair or replace damaged furniture caused by dogs, compared to £212.02 for cats.

Latest production out of this world

A THEATRE company from Stourbridge which features actors with learning disabilities is performing its latest production later this month at it celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Side by Side will be staging Worlds Beyond in Stourbridge Town Hall from Wednesday, June 21, to Saturday, June 24.

The show is set on a starship and offers a mix of music and dance.

Tickets are £10 and are available from The French Deli, Coventry Street, by calling 07880 437117 or from the www.sbstcs.org website.

Stalls are wanted for forces day

STALLHOLDERS are being sought for an Armed Forces Day event at Himley which is promising to be bigger and better than ever.

It will be held at Himley Hall and Park on Sunday, June 25, to celebrate the work of servicemen and women past and present. Stallholders are encouraged to apply for a trade stand. Sellers of vintage clothing and accessories are especially sought after. To apply email jessica.haines@dudley.gov.uk or call (01384) 817449.

Vineyard hosting food and drink festival

A FOOD and Wine Festival is being held at Halfpenny Green Vineyard, near Dudley, on Saturday, June 10.

The more than 15 businesses on the vineyard estate will be joined by stallholders offering such wares as gin and liqueurs, beer, chocolate, sauces, preserves, marinades and seasonings.

There will also be live music during the festival, which will open at 10.30am, at the award-winning vineyard on Tom Lane, near Bobbington.

Dave's great run

MARATHON man Dave Heeley completed the Manchester 10k race on Sunday just days after the city was hit by a bomb outrage. The Baggies-mad blind athlete from West Bromwich took on the run as part of his challenge to take on every Great Run in the UK during 2017 - 24 in total.

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Drug dealer is jailed after car rammed in high speed chase

A CONVICTED drug dealer drove at speeds of up to 100mph along major Black Country roads while pursued by police.

Reuben Bell drove for more than seven miles colliding with vehicles, ramming a police car, ignoring red lights and going the wrong way around an island before he was stopped when officers shot at his tyres.

Police found £5,200 in cash and a bullet inside his car and heroin at his home, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. He was jailed for 16 months and faces a three-year driving ban on release.

Father-of-two Bell, who worked as a supermarket delivery driver, was in his Ford Focus on the Black Country Route in Bilston when he was followed by armed police in three unmarked cars. One of the cars tried to get in front but Bell rammed it, said Mr Matthew Brook, prosecuting.

Scraping

A £1 million development to add 12 beds and additional "home-from-home comforts" to an Oldbury care centre is opening to the public next week.

It is part of the National Care Homes Open Day.

The investment at the family-run Newbury Manor in Newbury Lane will create up to 20 jobs and takes the bed capacity to 56.

The new wing also includes two extra lounges – one a quiet area, TV leisure suite with wi-fi, hairdressing and beauty salon, landscaped garden and additional outdoor seating areas and landscaping within the grounds.

Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Ahmadul Haque MBE will be joining in the opening of the facilities on June 10.

The open day starts at 11am as part of a national initiative involving thousands of care homes across the UK. See www.newburymanorhome.co.uk website for details about the home.

Home from cone for Red House gnome



Jake Burden, 12, from Kingswinford, on the gnome trail at the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley this week

CHILDREN are putting their detective skills to the test at a popular Black Country attraction during the Whitsun holiday.

Families have been flocking to the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley to take part in the free gnomes and fairies trail.

The event, which runs throughout

half term and finishes on Saturday, is the first of its kind at the glass heritage attraction on High Street.

It allows youngsters to explore the site looking for the gnomes hidden around the site.

At the heart of the Stourbridge glassmaking industry, the Red House Glass Cone was built at the end of the

18th century and continued to produce glasswares until 1936. It is the only complete glass cone in the area and one of only four left in the UK.

The attraction also hosts glass blowing demonstrations and craft activities.

For more information visit www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums or call (01384) 815571.

Cousin in jail con is told conviction fair

A MAN pretended to be his cousin to serve jail time in his place but was rumbled by a prison officer.

Mohammed Abshan Ahmed posed as his relative, Shahab Uddin Ahmed, during a hearing at Birmingham Magistrates' Court in April last year.

Shahab Ahmed was jailed for seven years in 2011 for his role in a £2 million banking scam which allowed him to live a life of luxury and buy flashy cars. He was later ordered to repay his ill-gotten gains or face more time behind bars and was due to be sentenced at the magistrates' court for failing to pay what he owed. But his cousin appeared in his place and was sent to prison instead of him.

The truth was only discovered when an officer, who knew what Shahab Ahmed looked like, realised they had jailed the wrong man.

Mohammed Ahmed, of Pershore Road, Edgbaston, was released from prison, but was later charged with perverting the course of justice. He denied any wrongdoing but was jailed for 12 months at Birmingham Crown Court in September last year after being found guilty. The 36-year-old challenged his conviction arguing he did not receive a fair trial because he was not present in court. But his appeal was rejected by senior judges who said it was his choice to miss his trial by refusing to leave his cell.

Songs around camp fire to help hospice

THE third annual Compton Hospice family camp out and activity weekend takes place in August. It will be at Kinver Scout Camp from August 11 to 13 and will offer the opportunity to take part in archery, craft activities and more.

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Skinner's TV show about his hero Ali

DETAILS of an upcoming Frank Skinner documentary about Muhammad Ali have been confirmed.

The comedian from the Black Country has been seen filming at his boxing heroes training camp in Pennsylvania in recent months.

It is one of several locations Skinner visited for the one-off, hour-long programme, which will air on BBC One at a date to be fixed.

In Ali's hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, he meets the next-door neighbour who witnessed the teenage boxer's dedication to his craft. He meets Ali's younger brother Rahaman, a key figure in the boxer's entourage and he also meets Ali's wife Khalilah.

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Skinner also meets the bare-knuckle boxer from an Oxfordshire council estate who became one of Ali's dearest friends.

A BBC statement said: "This documentary special will be more than a profile piece on the greatest sporting hero of the 20th century, it's also a very personal journey."

The comic himself said: "I loved Ali since I was a child."

"I loved the warrior, the entertainer, the craziness that surrounded him. I met him, as a trembling fanboy, a few times in the 1990."

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital fell below the national target for seeing patients within four hours during April.

The national target is 95 per cent but just 85 per cent of A&E patients were seen within the NHS limit. The figures will be presented to a board meeting today (Thursday).

Councillor Paul Brothwood, leader of the UKIP party in Dudley, labelled the waiting time as being both 'outrageous' and 'unacceptable'. He said: "It is clear that senior management needs to be looked at."

"I think that it is outrageous. We are constantly in a battle of more money being spent on agency staff and then figures like this are being revealed and it is quite frankly unacceptable."

"We know the stresses that are on our hospital staff but these waiting times need to be brought down."

"It seems that walk-in clinics have also failed in doing their bit."

Councillor Brothwood added: "We are continually relying on agency staff due to the huge cuts within the sector, and this is showing in these figures. It is clearly now taking its toll on the NHS."

It comes as it was revealed at the start of this year that an influx of patients had been admitted to the hospital over the Christmas and New Year period.

Hospital chiefs revealed that around 620 patients had attended A&E each day and said the hospital was experiencing 'unprecedented demand', leading to increased waiting times in A&E.

People coming into A&E increased by six per cent overall compared to the same period last year, which itself was described as 'extremely busy'.

Due to being in a pre-election period, Trust bosses said they could only respond with a factual statement.

Diane Wake, Chief Executive at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation, said: "In April 2017, 84.94 per cent of patients who attended Accident and emergency were seen, treated, admitted or discharged within four hours of arrival. This figure is stated in the Trust's Finance and Performance report, which will be presented to public board."

Aled and Gentleman Songsters in concert



TV and radio presenter Aled Jones will be singing with the Gentlemen Songsters

TV and radio presenter Aled Jones is to sing alongside the Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir in Dudley later this year.

The popular Welshman shot to fame as a boy when his version of Walking In The Air, the song from The Snowman, was a hit.

Aled will be at Dudley Town Hall on Saturday, September 23. The concert has been organised by the Gentlemen Songsters, and all proceeds on the night will go to the mayor's charities.

Councillor Dave Tyler will be raising cash for three charities - Dudley Mind, the YMCA and Dudley Alzheimer's Society - during the course of his mayoral year. Comperes for the evening will be Good Morning Britain's Phillipa Tomson, a former Dudley Chronicle and Express & Star journalist.

The 70-strong Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir, based in Dudley, perform in nearly 20 concerts every year. This year is the group's 60th anniversary.

Tickets range from £18 to £25. See www.gsmvc.org.uk or call 01746 763850.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospice to benefit from craft festival

A NEW food and craft festival will arrive at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club next weekend in aid of Compton Hospice.

Burgers, pies, ice creams and craft stalls are some of the delights that will be on offer at the outdoor event which will be held between 10am and 6pm on June 10. The festival aims to showcase local traders and crafters.

Event organiser Vicki Wootton said: "This is the first food and craft festival the hospice has organised and we are looking forward to seeing a range of artisan stalls showcasing the best the Midlands has to offer."

Tickets for the festival cost £2.50 for adults. Under 12s free. For more information contact Vicki Wootton on 0845 225 5497.

Get crafty with the nifty knitters

NIFTY knitters are invited to an event celebrating the craft next Sunday, June 11.

The 'knitting in public day' will run from 2pm until 4.30pm at Haden Hill House Museum in Cradley Heath.

People are invited to bring along their friends and their knitting for this sociable event which offers an opportunity to share their skills with others in gentle surroundings.

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Weathering the storm of wrong forecasts

LIKE many of you, I got really excited about the weather forecasts telling us about an early start to summer and the sizzling bank holiday weekend. So on Saturday I poured myself a nice cool drink and sat on the patio to read the newspaper. At least I did for about an hour, before it became cold, dark and damp, and I had to go inside put a jumper on.

Then, with similar predictions for Sunday, I hunted out a nice country pub to sit outside. When it again turned cold and started raining, I suppose that is what we call a barbecue summer. And then there was Bank Holiday Monday, which was damp, overcast and gloomy.

And people wonder why we are sceptical about global warming.

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THE vigil in memory of the 22 killed in the Manchester bombing, which was held in Birmingham last week, was a fitting tribute and a great credit to those who turned up to pay their respects.

At least it was a credit to most of them. How sad that a few idiots had to spoil the event by trying to turn into a demo.

There really were some people who saw fit to turn out for this sombre occasion brandishing the all-too-predictable "Refugees welcome" placards. Do these people never take a day off? Do they ever talk about anything other than politics?

If the leaders vying to be prime minister can suspend their hostilities for a few days, then surely these would-be Wolfe Smiths can do the same. What has a memorial to those murdered at a children's concert got to do with Government policy on refugees? Nothing.

There are debates to be had on the thorny subject of immigration and asylum, and there is a time and place to do that. A memorial to murder victims certainly isn't it.

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TIME was if you wanted to pick up an award for artistic endeavour, but were devoid of any talent, then the Turner Prize really was the only show in town.

But this year it seems that the Royal Horticultural Society has also got on board, with the award for Best Show Garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.

The accolade went to James Basson, for what can only be described as resembling a fly-tipping hotspot in the grounds of a derelict building. A few rocks strewn on the ground, looking like a bit of builder's waste, accompanied by an unruly mass of weeds.

Basson says his creation "is not supposed to be pretty," but is "stark and monumenally brutal."

Which is pretty much what I say about my garden.

Wedding woes, gardening delights and terrible tragedy



Alan Partridge would be proud, after one radio presenter's recent on air quiz gaffe



Chelsea Flower Show's Joe Swift, still keeping up appearances among the hyacinths



Pippa Middleton's wedding and the cheeky pageboy, but hasn't it always been so?

Presenter's moor sorry after gaffe

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE spirit of Alan Partridge lives on at BBC Radio Leeds where presenter Nathan Turvey invited listeners to guess the identity of a well-known person who has been in the news this week from a series of musical clues, including Suffer Little Children by the Smiths and Psycho Killer by Talking Heads. The answer was the Moors Murderer, Ian Brady. The BBC has apologised for this hideously crass blunder. I find myself wondering whether Nathan Turvey is related to Rik Mayall's inept 'investigative reporter' of blessed memory, Kevin Turvey.

SUMMERTIME and the living is easy. We humans are a tropical species, hairless and low-fat and born to be warm. A hot spell like this recreates the savannah and jungles of our ancient roots, and suits us very nicely. The one thing we fear is the cold. All this probably explains why, although we are all aware of global warming, you won't find many people who are scared of it. A few more degrees? Bring it on.

THIS is how it is going to be. The terrorists strike. Within hours the authorities reveal the suspect was "known to police." The floral tributes pile up. Our screens fill with images of smiling people, now dead or maimed. At a rally, the crowd declares it will not be intimidated. Religious leaders insist we are all united. Lots of candles are lit and some mawkish poetry is read. And then we wait for it all to happen again, as it surely will. For there is no end.

THESE Islamist fanatics, unlike the IRA, are not seeking any sort of settlement. Time is not an issue for them. Sometimes, fiction speaks more eloquently than fact. The aim of jihadists has never been expressed better than by Abu Nazir, the terrorist warlord in the excellent and well-researched US series Homeland. This is Nazir's chilling warning to the West: "Do you have the perseverance, the tenacity, the faith?

I'M not sure whether anyone records such things but is this becoming a record year for birdsong? The volume, at all times of day, and the variety of birdsong is astonishing. I write this in the early afternoon as two big-mouthed blackbirds and a gabby goldfinch are giving it some welly in the garden. A sweet symphony to end a savage week.

IN middle age and old straw hat, doesn't Joe Swift, presenter of Chelsea Flower Show, look the image of his father? Clive Swift, 81, is best known as Richard Bucket, the eternally suffer-

ing husband in the BBC sitcom Keeping Up Appearances. When Joe looks to camera introducing the begonias at Chelsea, you half-expect him to come out with: "Oh, for goodness' sake, Hyacinth . . ."

AFTER my gripping account of my holiday-cuisine creation, Pilchard Surprise (boil a pilchard in pasta sauce until it disintegrates), here's something more enticing. I took an old bottle of Madeira on our all-boys holiday to Scotland and used it to create a dessert with all the healthy, well-intentioned fruit packed by our wives. I give you Madeira Delight. 1) Put a layer of chopped apples and pears in a bowl, cover with Madeira, add a little sugar and taste. 2) Add a layer of chopped bananas, cover with Madeira, add a little sugar and taste. 3) Add a layer of tangerine segments, cover with Madeira, add a little sugar and taste. 4) Place in fridge for three hours. 5) Try to remember where you put it.

A RARE sight. I followed a Hillman Avenger all the way from Glasgow to Carlisle. Most of these once-cherished saloons have rotted away. I believe it was called the Avenger to fight for sales against Ford's all-conquering Cortina. Time teaches us that the real avenger of cars built before the 1990s was rust.

AFTER that pageboy flicked a V-sign during Pippa Middleton's wedding, a photographer writes to the Daily Telegraph complaining bitterly about "the current craze for posturing, pouting and V-signs in photographs." A current craze? Come off it. In our official school photograph of 1965, one first-former in the front row sticks his tongue out while his mate gives a V-sign. It was pure madness with no hope of escape and as soon as the photographer delivered his prints, vengeance for the two boys was swift and painful.

TALKING POINT

My heroic vigilante with write on his side

WE are told to never meet our heroes, in case it turns out to be a let down.

But I have a new favourite person with whom I would just love to come face to face with. And I know it would not be a disappointment. The trouble is, I do not know who he is. Nobody does.

My new hero is as mysterious as the artist Banksy, but he deals in far more serious matters, righting wrongs under cover of darkness like a caped crusader. He is the self-proclaimed Grammar Vigilante.

We have all seen what is known as grocer's English, market stalls advertising 'cauliflower's' or shops selling pairs of 'sock's' for example.

In my home town there's even a barber with a sign promoting 'haircut's' and a 'shoppers car park', with no apostrophe, presumably as the sign writers could not decide where one went. I have even seen a pub advertising 'bar snack's'.

This is where the Grammar Vigilante comes in, correcting shop signs in his home city of Bristol, saving the world from poor English standards.

Wherever there's an errant apostrophe, he is there. If a word needs punctuation adding, he is there for that too, using a specially made kit he calls an apostrophiser, basically an extended broom handle with a sticker on the end.

From a journalist's point of view, I am biased of course, but poor spelling and bad grammar is so frustrating to see. So for that, Mr Grammar Vigilante, we salute you.

And when we are told in the summer that English exam results are better than ever maybe we should give him some credit, particularly when it seems at the minute that so many people are ignorant to the difference between the words their, there and they're. Or you're and your.

Some clearly do not know how to recognise plurals or possessives and short hand text speak (ur or yr, for example), doesn't help.

Our man has been operating for 13 years, but remains anonymous, claiming what he does is a job worth pursuing.

The reaction to his heroic deeds has been mainly positive, with one thanking him for covering up the rogue apostrophe in his sign for 'Cambridge Motors'. However one business owner took offence to the correcting of the word gentlemen's, going so far as to describe our man's antics as rude.

Another critic even said our man should take a look at his own monicker as apostrophes are punctuation, not grammar.

Whatever one's own take on the matter, every high street is littered with such errors and I would suggest our mystery man spreads his work around the country, or at the very least councils employ someone to do a similar job.

They could start in Wolverhampton, where, I kid you not, there is as big a banner as you can see promoting 'Jone's Lane WMC'!

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I HAVE long believed the so called mas instead of using my Christmas Winter Fuel Allowance to be one of those bribes to us crusty old devils. Obviously, any party offering this, or maybe increasing it, results in us firing up the Zimmer frame and jumping the red light in order to place our cross against the party in question.

Actually, what it should be called is Pension Christmas Bonus. Am I to believe that Lord Dunfunkinton in his £20 million pad actually needs this? Do I believe that Jim and Jane in the Canaries are feeling the cold?

So no prob with me if I have to put my hand into my wallet next Christ-

ployed to work a system of means testing, then the status quo no matter how ridiculous should prevail.

Then of course we have the much discussed and apparently vitally important Triple Lock. No longer will us pensioners (the ladies dripping in gold, the blokes resplendent in Armani suits) get that two and half per cent on our already-inflated pensions. Seriously though, this was yet another gimmer.

Then of course I've stuck two fingers up to the Grim Reaper long enough to be provided with a free TV licence. I'd probably lose that with means testing.

ALAN M ETHERIDGE
Dudley

The only caveat in all of this is that should an army of pen pushers be em-

Will canal karma be a lesson?

I'M not sure if you knew what I meant when I said 'karma' to you when you were complaining loudly as I passed you by on my canal walk the other day.

Your vocabulary seemed somewhat limited.

As I followed you, I saw you watch your rather large dog deposit his waste in the middle of the canal towpath and then saw you walk away and leave it there.

Just a minute or two later, while immersed in your phone, you stepped into what some other uncaring, irresponsible dog owner had allowed their dog to leave too.

Oh the joy of seeing you on the receiving end and knowing the disgust and filth of it on your nice, white, probably new, trainers.

It was satisfaction beyond belief.

But will it change your ways? I doubt it.

JENNY JAMES
Dudley

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Closure of beauty spot is a dreadful stain on the town

THE closure of Uffmoor Wood is a sad reflection on our town.

To the distinction of having the ugliest major roundabout in the UK, the Halesowen railway line never being protected for future use, the town's Lapal Canal being so badly 'restored' that it could never be filled with water, must be added now, this stain on the town.

My daughter when hearing of the news wrote home:

"That is dreadful. What's the matter with some people? And how embarrassing that the first time action has ever been taken like this is in Halesowen."

TIM WELLER
Halesowen

Roads not homeless is priority

WITH many generous benefits readily handed out to all and sundry by our politically correct nanny state, there is, in my opinion, no excuse or reason whatsoever for homelessness other than by the choice of the individual.

I find it astonishing and infuriating that 'our' newly-elected West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street, should announce that one of his first priorities would be to set up a task-force to tackle the 'problem' of homelessness. Yet again PC and the minority rule while the silent majority continue to pay but have no say.

Given the appalling and dangerous state of many of the roads on Mr Street's patch, I think a few hundred thousand voters and council tax payers would agree with me that whilst these people should undoubtedly be removed from our streets, the Mayor's priorities should lie with rough roads rather than rough sleepers.

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Two charities team up for park relay run

TWO charities are teaming up to launch a flagship event to raise thousands of pounds for their causes.

Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, which supports patients in the Black Country, and St Basil's will host the inaugural Sunset Squad Relay on July 22.

It will be the first event of its kind to be held in the second city. On the day, teams of four to six participants will challenge themselves to run as many 5k laps around Coton Park as possible.

The day will also cater for friends and family too by having live music, food, and games for everyone who comes along to show support.

Barrie Hodge, head of fundraising and communications at St Basil's, said: "We are delighted to be working with Birmingham St Mary's Hospice on this event. We love working in partnership and this is an example of two of Birmingham's most important organisations working together to make our city better for all. It is going to be a fantastic event."

Lucy Watkins, events manager at Birmingham St Mary's Hospice, added: "This promises to be a really exciting yet challenging event."

Tickets for the event are now on sale. For more information visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunset-squad-relay-registration-34229360940

Building society votes boost foundation cash

MEMBERS who voted at Tipton and Coseley Building Society's annual meeting helped raise nearly £700 for Black Country charities.

For every online, branch and postal vote, the Tipton pledged money to its charitable foundation.

In total, 3,276 votes were cast and members completed a survey.

Parking fines raise more than half a million from motorists

Couple in plea over stolen pet pug



Pet Pug Herbie has been stolen, leaving her owners devastated - 'We just want him back,' says Rachael Wootton

"WE are absolutely devastated, we just want him back". These are the words of a Hagley woman whose beloved 10-month-old pug has been stolen.

Rachael Wootton, aged 31, was on holiday in Marbella in Spain with her husband Alex, 31, last Wednesday when their pug Herbie was stolen.

The pet was taken from Rachael's parents home in Coven, near Wolver-

hampton, as they were looking after him during the holiday.

Burglars broke the heavily-padded gate to the side of the property and triggered the house alarm as they smashed through one of the conservatory panes of glass, and then totally removed the back kitchen window to get in.

When Lynne and Peter Banks, returned home from Peter's hospital

appointment, they spotted the usually-locked gate was open.

Mrs Banks said: "I just got hysterical. Then we went in and saw Herbie had been taken from his cage."

Rachael Wootton, a tax adviser, said: "We got on the first plane home. It is so frightening to think that the burglars were so determined to get him."

Anyone with any information is advised to call the police on 101.

MORE than half a million pounds has been clocked up in car parking fines in Dudley borough over the past 12 months.

The amount made from fines rose above the £500,000 mark during 2016/17 as thousands of drivers were made to pay for parking indiscretions by Dudley Council, a Freedom of Information request has revealed. It also found the roads where drivers are most likely to be fined. Almost 1,500 penalty charge notices were dished out on Castle Street – almost double the fines on any other street.

Traffic wardens were out in force in the town centre street, which is partly pedestrianised and has double yellow lines, issuing around five every day on average.

Other high earners included Stourbridge High Street with 851, Dudley High Street (747) and Wolverhampton Street in Dudley (671).

Hundreds of fines were also issued on New Street, Dudley; Lower High Street, Stourbridge; and Stone Street, Dudley.

Hospital

The highest earning car park in terms of fines was Manor Park in Kingswinford, where 485 were issued.

Another hot spot was High Street, Pensnett, near Russells Hall Hospital where visitors have to pay to park.

The amount brought in from parking fines rose by £65,000 from a year earlier.

A total of 9,772 fines were handed out on the top 20 roads and car parks over the 12-month period.

Drivers who fail to pay on car parks or park on double yellow lines and other restricted areas are hit with fines of up to £70. However, the amount is cut by half if paid within 14 days.

Celebrating classic cars at museum

FAMOUS cars made in the Black Country will be on display when a special event returns later this month.

Iconic names including Bean, Diamond, Guy and AJS will be among vehicles shown at the 15th Annual Festival of Black Country Vehicles at the Black Country Living Museum, on Sunday, June 18.

The festival celebrates the Black Country's historical reputation as a major centre for vehicle manufacturing. Vehicles will have been built in the Black Country from 1913 up until the present day.

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Black Country Festival – a bostin' celebration

HE'S the Black Country evangelist who champions the way we spake and the bostin' people he meets.

And that's the word which perfectly sums up how Steve Edwards feels about the Black Country.

It's the fourth year of the Black Country Festival – an event which grew from a will to ensure there was an annual celebration to remember.

It brings the people of the Black Country together from across all four corners of the community to mark Black Country Day with a series of events during July.

"In the first year, July 14 fell mid-week and there wasn't much stuff people could do to celebrate it," said Steve, as he sipped a pint and tucked into some fritters – pork scratchings of course – in the Bottle and Glass pub, at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.

Community

"A few of us got together and said we should have a go ourselves. We planned on just having a weekend of events but so many people wanted to do something we said why don't we just take over the whole of July and put on as many community events and pull in as many town centres as we can."

"Before the Black Country Festival community had kind of died. And it was just like 'how can we bring people back together and celebrate the story of the Black Country'. We have a lot to celebrate here."

From live comedy nights, fun runs and community carnivals – more events are being planned than ever before during the festival which kicks off on July 1. And the Black Country Flag, designed by schoolgirl Gracie Sheppard, has been proudly flown at hosts of events – from Glastonbury to community fairs in Brierley Hill.



Organiser Steve Edwards with the iconic Black Country flag

Steve laughs: "It's been amazing. That flag has been the second highest-selling in England, only outsold by the Union Flag."

"The Black Country struggled to have a brand to help push it forward and see all the number of events growing. We are covering the four boroughs now."

Steve, aged 33, from Pensnett, helped organise his own Black Country celebrations prior to the festival inspired by another landmark event in the calendar. "It was brought about

by seeing people celebrate St Patrick's Day and I thought you know what the Black Country is famous for, its beer. Why can't we use our own breweries to promote what we've got going on and bring in all the history of the Black Country," said the furniture factory worker.

The Black Country Living Museum got involved and gave us some substance to the date and it became July 14, when the Industrial Revolution got started with the invention of the Newcomen Steam Engine.

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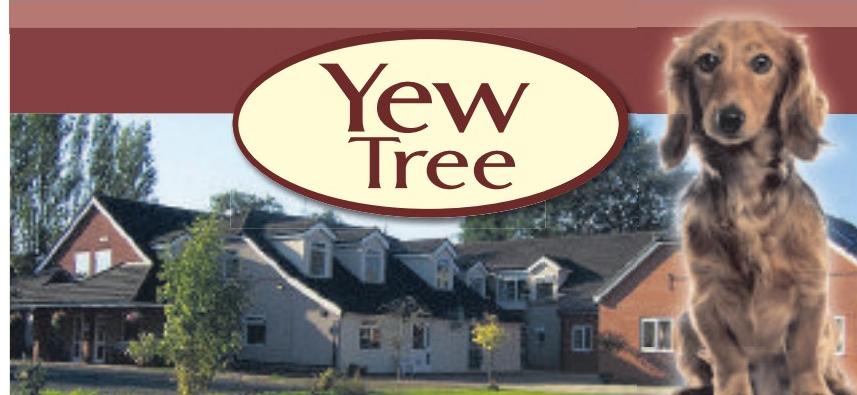
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10 Most dangerous jobs are revealed

Figures have revealed there were 67 workplace deaths in the West Midlands over five years. TOM OAKLEY looks at some of the most risky occupations

When the majority of us go to work, the most we have to worry about is getting there on time and meeting targets.

But for others, it's not just a case of heading to the office and sitting behind a desk.

In the West Midlands, figures show that the most injuries take place in agriculture, construction and manufacturing. But workers can face danger in all manner of tasks, such as taking to the road in an HGV, climbing up the side of high-rise sky-scraper to clean the windows, or courageous climbing trees to save lives.

There were 621,000 workplace injuries in Britain in 2015/16 – including 144 deaths.

Across the West Midlands, figures collated by the Health and Safety Executive show that between 2011 and 2016, there were 67 fatal injuries in the workplace.

Heartbreak

Meanwhile, in 2015/16, a total of 7,019 people reported non-fatal injuries in the workplace in the region.

Included 2,555 across the Black Country and Birmingham, 1,420 in Staffordshire and 652 in Shropshire.

The HSE reported 559 non-fatal injuries in the manufacturing industry in 2015/16 across Staffordshire and the Black Country, as well as 98 in construction.

Following the release of the statistics Martin Temple, chair of the HSE said: "One death at work, or a life needlessly shortened, is one too many, and behind every statistic lies a real story of loss and heartbreak and families left to grieve. Britain has one of the best health and safety systems in the world but we should always be looking to improve and to prevent incidents that cost lives."

"This year HSE travelled the country asking industry representatives, employers, unions, workers and others what they could do to help GB work well."

"The response was hugely encouraging and I would like to ask people to deliver on the commitments made, which will help keep Britain's workers alive."

In the UK, the long-term trend has seen fatalities more than halve over the last 20 years but the most recent figures (144) have increased from 142 in 2014/5. The biggest killer nationally last year was the construction industry, with 43 workers dying.

Farmer



Rod MacBean big animals are a risk

ROD MacBean, who keeps Brockhurst Farm in Aston near Wem, Shropshire, says he is not surprised farming is rated as one of the most dangerous jobs in Britain. "You are working with big machinery and big animals," he says. "Several people have been attacked by bulls. You are also using big pieces of equipment which are very heavy and very powerful."

Mr McBean, who has been a full-time farmer for more than 20 years, says the pressures farmers have been under in recent years has also taken its toll, forcing them to work extremely long hours. "Due to the lack of money in the industry, a lot of machines are very poorly maintained, or should have been replaced several years ago," he says.

Firefighters



'Operations are often dangerous'

TIM Hyde, firefighter and director of response at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue says years ago being a firefighter would have been one of the most dangerous jobs in the country. But thanks to huge improvements to equipment, protective clothing and breathing apparatus – along with learning from past operations – techniques have been shaped, which means it's much safer.

He said: "Fire and Rescue operations are often in dangerous environments which health and safety guidance would in normal circumstances require workers to avoid. For obvious reasons, firefighters have to enter such environments so we adopt the 'safe person concept' whereby firefighters are given the training."

Road worker



LES Bramwell works on the roads in Staffordshire. He was assessing the roads as part of his day-to-day duties when he was struck by a car.

The 65 year old, from Penkridge, was walking along the pavement after routinely assessing repairs to a pothole on the A50 near Stoke-on-Trent when he was struck by a car last April. He broke his neck and leg in three different places. It was a miracle he wasn't killed.

Since then, he has highlighted the dangers of working on the region's roads. "I want to highlight to people the dangers of our job," he said.

"Something that should have been a routine task

Over the past 10 years, Highways England have reported that workers have been injured by motorists on more than 50 occasions. Seventeen of those incidents involved workers on foot.

High-rise window cleaners



Abseiling down Selfridges at the Bull Ring in Brum

MANY of us suffer from acrophobia – more commonly known as being terrified of heights. If climbing up the loft ladder is a step too far, imagine what it's like abseiling hundreds of feet up the side of a building on a daily basis. High-rise window cleaners take to the skies to get to those windows that cannot be reached with a step ladder and bucket.

From cleaning the metal dishes on the Bullring in Birmingham to scaling the heights of Wolverhampton University – it is certainly appears to be one of the most terrifying.

The skilled workers take precautionary tests to ensure their work is safe and secure at all times.

Truck driver



Too many vehicles on the road, and long hours is the biggest danger, he says. "We also work long hours."

Jim Rushton discovered another dangerous side to the job when he tried to board a ferry in Calais last year – five illegal immigrants who tried to stowaway in his truck. "When you park up overnight over there, you wonder whether somebody will get in," he says.

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Claverley hosts classic car rally

MORE than 40 classic cars will be on display at an upcoming car rally.

The event is being held as part of the annual open day at Ludstone Hall, Claverley, to raise money for the parish church.

Two special guests will be on hand to officially open the event on June 4, starting at 11am.

There are already 40 classic cars confirmed to attend the event, from a more than 100-year-old Cadillac to a 1950s F1 Cooper.

Anthony Fenwick-Wilson, who is organising the car rally, said he was delighted to have secured the special guests, whose names are being kept under-wraps.

He said: "We have a variety of different motor cars, I will be bringing my racing cars and an old Bentley. It is all part and parcel of the annual open day at Ludstone Hall."

Entry costs £4 and is free for children with all proceeds going to All Saints Church in Claverley.

I'd be dead if not for my daughter



Mum Deana Wilkes from Tipton with daughter Sheridan

"SHE is my hero, I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for her." Those are the words of Deana Wilkes, whose 15-year-old daughter, Sheridan, called emergency services after she found her mother unconscious at their home.

On March 3, Sheridan woke to find her mother not up and about as usual. Upon entering her bedroom she found 41-year-old Deana, from Tipton, lying on the floor.

Sheridan, who is in Year 10 at RSA Academy, alerted her 10-year-old sister Madison and neighbour – nurse Tracy Mansell – and Deana was rushed to Russells Hall Hospital where she was put in intensive care.

Deana had blacked out and, despite medics trying their best, her leg had to be amputated due to lack of blood supply. The mother-of-three said: "The last thing I remember was looking through my bedroom window before going to bed. Then I woke up in hospital with my leg amputated."

Deana was in intensive care for five days, didn't wake up for nearly two weeks and was finally allowed home after 20 days. She praised her daughters for being "incredibly brave" despite the scary situation.

Businesses invited to apprenticeship event

EMPLOYERS in the West Midlands are invited to attend a free business event where they can learn more about recent changes to apprenticeships.

Skills Training UK is hosting the information morning at its Academy for Business, Industry and Skills at Wolverhampton Science Park between 10am – 1pm on Wednesday, June 7.

Experts will be on hand to explain more about the reforms and how they will affect businesses – including the incentives available to help pay for apprenticeships and the introduction of a new apprenticeship levy.

The new apprenticeship levy means that all employers in England with an annual wage bill greater than £3million will be expected to pay a 0.5% tax on payroll that they can invest on apprenticeship training within their workforce.

To book a place at the Wolverhampton event please visit www.eventbrite.com

Very Moore-ish – brewery's bosses pay tribute to Sir Roger

"VERY smooth, very Moore-ish, very Banks's bitter."

Sir Roger Moore's death last week sparked a Twitter tribute from Banks's bosses.

The Black Country brewery posted a clip of the advert from 2000 adverts starring Sir Roger and wrote: "R.I.P Roger Moore, one of the greats and of course who could forget this?"

The former James Bond star was flown over from his home in Switzerland to film the two ads – which were his British TV commercial debut.

He saunters into a bar wearing a white tuxedo and says: "You know, the

worst thing about being a world-famous megastar is you simply can't pop into your local for a quiet pint of Banks's bitter."

As the legendary actor approaches the bar a pint of Banks's is handed over to him before he takes a swig. Then a member of the public who is propping up the bars asks: "You're him, aren't you?" to which Sir Roger simply replies "yes". The drinker offers to buy Sir Roger his pint. The star then casually looks straight down the camera, adding: "See what I mean? Not a moment's peace!"

The advert ends with the iconic slogan – 'Very Smooth, Very Mooreish'.

Birmingham agency Wallis Tomlinson created the 30-second ads but were originally told by watchdogs they could not use the phrase 'moreish' because it might encourage over-indulgence. So they played on Sir Roger's surname to retain the slogan 'very smooth, very Mooreish, very Bank's bitter.'

In a second add the star is seen walking through country house and being offered a pint of the Black Country beer from a stand.

As well as his iconic movie role as 007, Sir Roger will also be remembered for the 1960s TV series The Saint and early 1970s show The Persuaders! in which he starred with Tony Curtis



Sir Roger enjoys a pint

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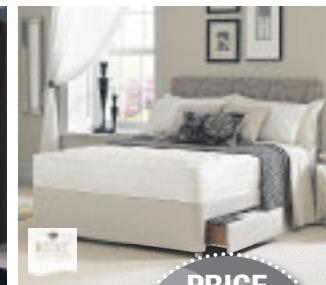
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The Cold War comes to Tettenhall



John Richards scores the winner



Wolves supporters enjoying the game despite the weather



A grim Erfurt street from the hotel window



The snowy view from the benches

How we braved Cold to support our team

IN November 1971 a small band of Wolves supporters braved the weather and the East German border guards to venture behind the Iron Curtain.

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MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

Jena in the third round of the UEFA Cup, first leg. We flew from Birmingham to Nuremberg Airport in West Germany, and were then taken by coach into the East.

It took only 10 minutes to pass through the heavily-armed border on the way in, but was to take more than two hours to get out, as every nook and cranny on the coaches were searched, and everyone on board checked carefully.

We stayed the night in the town of Erfurt, and found some solace in a grim bar, the experience made worse by the icy weather. When we arrived in Jena for the match, we found a small, largely open stadium, and had to brush 4in of snow

off the plain benches to sit down. At least the result was enjoyable as John Richards scored the only goal.

It had been an afternoon match as the stadium had no floodlights, and we returned to West Germany after the game for the flight home.

A taste of the old Cold War Iron Curtain was brought to Tettenhall Station last month when East German and Russian Cold War re-enactors set up a 'border post' and were faced by American and British Army of the Rhine re-enactors.

Try as they might to be grim and forbidding, a pleasant spring day in the Smestow Valley could hardly compare to a bleak, snowy, border post, in the centre of Europe, where NATO and the Warsaw Pact were eyeball-to-eyeball, and the Cold War might have become Hot, at any moment.



East German re-enactors try to look grim in Tettenhall

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A SPECIALIST squad has saved West Midlands Police an estimated £1.8m in wasted time since its launch around two and half years ago.

Mental health issues account for around 20 per cent of the daily demand on police officers but are now handled in the Black Country by the Triage team.

The service is headed by a police sergeant and has six constables, three paramedics and four community psychiatric nurses. They are able to deal with matters at the scene rather than leaving emergency crews to cope alone as the first point of call.

Hundreds of people have been spared unnecessary spells in cells while expert mental health advice is sought and many more have avoided being needlessly taken to accident and emergency departments.

Since its launch in November 2014 the team has had more than 7,500 cases passed to them by either the police or ambulance service.

They were able to give expert on-the-spot assessments of 3,000 people suffering from mental health issues, ensuring that three quarters of these could be properly treated while remaining at home. As a result 689 people avoided being unnecessarily detained under the Mental Health Act, saving the West Midlands force approximately £1,825,000.

Clinical Commissioning Groups from Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell have just agreed to fund the team for another 12 months.

It operates in a marked West Midlands Ambulance Service responder vehicle, which is also equipped for emergencies and operate seven days a week from 10am to 2am, Sunday to Thursday and 10am to 3am, Friday and Saturdays.



Front, Sgt Lloyd Fox and Harriet Lawrence. Back, from left, Bernice Hancox, Cathy Mander and Julia Lees. Kneeling, Richard Bloore and PC James Morden. In car, PC Glenn Flavell

Record deal for R&B singer

WOLVERHAMPTON based independent record label Strawberry Moon Records has struck a three-year release and management deal with up and coming R&B act Keoni.

The ambitious label internationally distributes music for acts such as Hurricane #1, The Fireflys, former Factory Too Records artist Khaliq and conquerors of the north-east music scene The Voluntears.

Keoni, an accomplished singer-songwriter, has worked with some big

names in creating his sensual pop/R&B sounds.

The label said in a statement: "With hit-makers Soulshaker working closely to remix his songs and being picked-up by internationally renowned vocal coaches David and Carrie Grant, we can expect things to move quickly for the Birmingham artist. 2016 saw the release of House track 'Make You Feel Alright' which topped the international net radio charts and Top 10 UK Music Week Chart."

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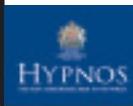
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College helped to forge my Hollywood career

'WITHOUT Dudley College, I don't know where I would be.'

Those are the words of Hollywood actor Duane Henry, who has paid tribute to his college tutors.

During a visit home to the West Midlands, Duane – who stars in US TV crime drama NCIS (Naval Criminal Investigative Service) – has praised tutors who helped change his life.

He said they helped him channel his energy after his first year at the college, where he studied performing arts.

"I liked the course they offered in terms of performing arts," said the 32-year-old, originally from Handsworth. "I admit the first year I went there I didn't take it that seriously."

"I was just happy to be out of school and be around new faces in the canteen and the girls doing hairdressing upstairs – it was all crazy to me."

"After my first year, a couple of my teachers sat me down and said 'look, buck your ideas up and you could probably do something with your life'. And I was like 'really, really?' And they were like 'yeah you can'. So I started to focus my energy on the performance side of things."

Duane left for London, aged 17, to pursue his dreams of becoming an actor on November 27, 2003, and exactly 10 years later booked a flight to Los Angeles.

Duane plays British intelligence officer Clayton Reeves in the hit TV series. He has also starred in UK TV shows including Doctor Who and Midlands-set drama Doctors.



Hollywood actor Duane Henry has been back to visit Dudley, where he went to college, and praised the tutors who helped him concentrate on acting



Birmingham-born Duane Henry with Mark Harmon in a scene from top US TV drama NCIS, in which he plays British intelligence officer Clayton Reeves

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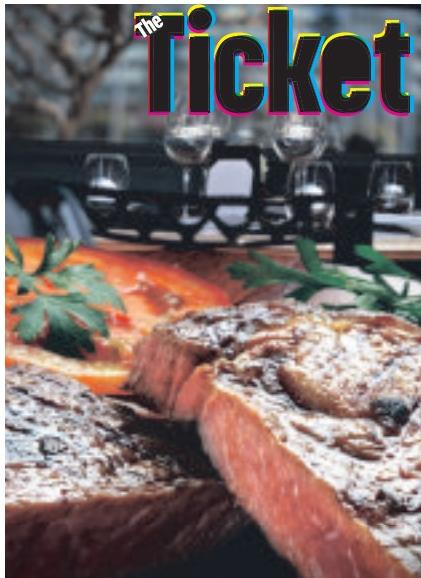


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Les keeps it in the Addams Family!

Blimey. Where should we start? How about the bald head or the meltdown on Celebrity Big Brother? Or there was the bum-out-for-Ricky Gervais scene, on Extras, and the painful breakdown of his marriage to Amanda Holden.

Then there were the high times, the successful appearance on New Faces, the brilliant and well-renumerated 15-year stint as presenter on Family Fortunes and, more recently, the two year stint as Michael Rodwell in Coronation Street.

It's been quite a 63 years, for the ginger fella from Garston, near Liverpool. So tell us, Les, where do we start?

"The Addams Family," he says. Ah yes, he's featuring in the musical comedy that's been successfully touring the UK and reaches Birmingham's Hippodrome on Tuesday, running until June 10. Les plays Uncle Hester, alongside Samantha Womack, as Morticia and Carrie Hope Fletcher as Wednesday.

Except Les didn't do the usual round of interviews to promote the work. Hell, no. Instead, he went on Loose Women and shaved his head. As you do.

"Before you called, I was giving it the once over with my Gillette," he says. "I tried the wig and it wasn't going to work eight times a week with the sweat and glue. So I shaved my head for charity and we did it on Loose Women."

"I wear a cap if it's cold but I've got used to going out without it now. I get recognised a bit, though mostly people look sympathetically and think I might be ill. But I'm privileged, I haven't lost my hair as some people sadly do. And the money we raised from the head shave has gone to a breast cancer charity."

He is lovelt but unmistakably nuts. Les is one of the most pleasant, most open and most honest fellas in showbusiness. He's climbed to the top of the mountain – 15 years hosting Family Fortunes made him a household name – and he's been in the depths of despair.

And though there's no second guessing the thrice-married father-of-three, who became a dad for the third time at 57, one thing is for certain: he'll continue to surprise us. That constant process of reinvention is what's kept him in the nation's consciousness for so many years.

"I've made a conscious decision to keep moving and keep reinventing," he says. "If you stay where you are, you stagnate. If I was hoping to do variety shows like I did at the Alex, in Birmingham, all those years ago then my days of work would be few and far between.

"You have to diversify and play different characters so that you can keep going as long as you like. You have to keep surprising people. The Guardian put The Addams Family in their 'Top Picks'. They said: 'The long and strange career of Les Dennis takes another turn'. I took that as a compliment. Nobody can second guess what I'll do next, me included. I don't have a plan. If somebody comes up with a good idea, I'll do it."

But doesn't some stuff do more harm than good? The Celebrity Big Brother appearance, for instance, when his marriage to Amanda Holden was on the rocks two years after her affair with Neil Morrissey. He doesn't dodge the question. "Big Brother wasn't my finest

Black humour – Les stars as Uncle Fester in the Addams Family



hour but I came second. I was confused by what was happening. But then people say do you regret it? And I answer that if I hadn't done that then Ricky Gervais wouldn't have called me and he gave me the chance to redeem myself on Extras."

And Les was brilliant in Extras – he smashed it out of the park in one of his funniest and probably-most-authentic roles.

"Ricky was brilliant to work with. I'm sitting in the dressing room where we filmed extras at Wimbledon right now. I've got great fond memories of working on that and the special. Ricky's great.

When you work with him, you get it done and then you have a laugh. I'd work with him again, like a shot."

The strange twists and turns are unfathomable – though it was even thus. From the an early run of comedy TV shows including

New Faces, Russ Abbot's Madhouse and The Russ Abbot Show, there have been unlikely roles in Merseybeat, Casualty, Crossroads and Family Affairs, not forgetting Brookside. There there's been

The Bill, Hotel Babylon and Celebrity Masterchef. His agent must have a field day.

"Well it was my agent who came up with this. After leaving Corrie, my agent asked if I wanted to see the producers of The Addams Family. I knew the show had been a big hit in the New York and people were waiting for it to come over. We are the first UK cast, so we got to originate this version of it."

"The whole point is that the audience has to work out who is normal and who isn't. That's the thing. At one stage, Grandma says 'define normal'. And she's so right because every family is dysfunctional in some way. Over the course of the show, you realise that The Addams Family are a totally loving and caring family." Birmingham will be a blast

The audience has to work out who is normal and who isn't

for the often-returning actor, who's made the city a home from home. I've spent loads of time in the city. We did Family Fortunes we started at ATV as well as New Faces, all those years ago. So I go back with Birmingham a long way. And I've worked at the Hippodrome many times. I did Hairspray with Brian Conley and a show with Su Pollard. I've done Birmingham Rep and The Alex a few times as well. The audiences in Birmingham are always absolutely delightful. They're one of the best in the country."

Les's trials and tribulations are, it seems, a long way behind him. And, while maintaining a successful and decidedly entertaining career, he's also happily married to Claire Nicholson, who he married in 2009. They love nothing more than spending time with their kids.

"I just love being a parent. It was a surprise to me to have two kids. I didn't expect it. My son Philip is 37 and my little ones Eleanor and Tom are nine and six. I adore them all. Philip is their big brother and he's great with them. I do the school run and any spare time is with the kids. Even on a tour like this, we have a lot of the dates in the summer where they come along, like Southampton, Cardiff, Dublin and Southend. They love it. I make the pancakes for them in the morning."

"They love being around the theatre and they come to the warm up and stand on the stage. They were a little scared of Lurch at first, but now they're cool."

And so, remarkably, is Les. One of the most genuine and sincere performers in the theatre, he's made a career out of left-turns, without going round in circles.

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A scene from Running Wild



Jungle adventure with girl saved by an elephant

LIFE-SIZE animal puppets, akin to those created for the hit play War Horse, will feature in the latest stage adaptation of a Michael Morpurgo novel, Running Wild, at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday (June 6-10).

Children's Touring Partnership has taken to the road with the first UK Tour of Running Wild, in an adaptation by Samuel Adamson. It's an award-winning family audience play originally produced by Regent's Park Theatre and Chichester Festival Theatre.

This epic production, complete with spectacular life-size puppets, tells an emotional story of love, loss and loyalty. It is the story of a girl named Lilly, who takes an elephant ride whilst on holiday with her mother in Indonesia. Oona, the elephant, suddenly runs from the

beach into the jungle with Lilly on her back. It saves their lives, as moments later a tsunami hits the island.

Miles from civilisation, there's wonder, discovery and adventures with the orangutans, but then thoughts turn to her mother, tigers and hunger. Lilly must learn to survive in the rainforest. Then the hunters come.

Morpurgo, former children's laureate and author of War Horse, was inspired by the real-life story of Amber Owen, who was on holiday in Phuket with her mother and stepfather in 2004 when she went on an elephant ride. The eight-year-old noticed the elephant was attempting to pull away from the receding sea water. The animal ran away and thereby saved her life.

The production will work to support the Born Free Foundation's global elephant conservation projects.

Tickets are available online at grandtheatre.co.uk or by calling 01902 429212.

Pixx of the week with BRIT graduate



Look out for Pixx, she's set to be the next graduate of the BRIT School to make a big stir on the pop scene.

The Croydon school for performing arts has already produced such major talents as Amy Winehouse, Adele, Jessie J, Leona Lewis, Katie Melua, Kate Nash, Ella Eyre and Katy B.

Pixx's debut album, The Age Of Anxiety, is released tomorrow (Friday) and the 12 song collection is an impressive start featuring smart, catchy pop songs.

Pixx – the alter ego of Hannah Rodgers, pictured – also has something to sing about. Songs such as I Bow Down, Grip, Baboo and the new single Waterslides,

seeks to address a generation increasingly isolated, whether it be due to the pressures of social media or political turbulence.

The Age Of Anxiety borrows its title from WH Auden's final poem, charting one man's quest to find substance and identity in a shifting and increasingly industrialised world. Published in 1947, Auden's six-part rumination on human isolation in the modern age has had a profound effect on the young singer-songwriter from Surrey.

Rodgers experienced a year-long period of insomnia caused by recurring nightmares at the age of nine. It left a lasting impression, inspiring a fascination with different states of consciousness, and she draws upon that for her album.

To celebrate the release of The Age Of Anxiety, Hannah Rodgers and her three-piece band will play six UK shows during album release week, including Birmingham venue The Hare & Hounds, in Kings Heath, on Tuesday, June 6.

Other gigs worth checking out include: YouTube vlogger and singer-songwriter Emma Blackery at the O2 Institute 2 in Birmingham on Saturday, or head across the city centre that night for a co-headline gig by The Americas and The Jackrobins, with support from Split Milk Society and Junior Weeb at the O2 Academy 3.

Brit Award nominated singer Beth Rowley is back and has a gig at Birmingham's Sunflower Lounge on Thursday, June 8.

Witch hunt drama is American classic



The awful consequences of rash retribution based on fear and hysteria is examined in Arthur Miller's powerful play, The Crucible, a landmark of American theatre.

The latest production of this classic, in which the Salem witch hunt is an allegory for McCarthyism in '50s America, will feature Charlie Condou (from Coronation Street) and Call The Midwife's Victoria Yeates (pictured). It is staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday. Call 0844 871 3011.

Looking for Trouble, found the right place

R&B group Vintage Trouble bring high-energy soul to The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Sunday. The LA-based quartet have opened shows for The Rolling Stones and The Who, and in Ty Taylor have a frontman very much in the tradition of Otis Redding and Wilson Pickett. Special guest Laurence Jones, Black Country bluesman Ian Parker and his Band are at the Robin 2 tonight (Thursday). Other highlights at the Bilston venue include From The Jam tomorrow, and a charity gig in aid of Compton Hospice by 1960s veterans Regency Lemon on Saturday. Another veteran of the 60s music scene, Terry Reid, plays the Robin 2 on Wednesday. According to rock folklore, Reid turned down an offer to front Led Zeppelin and recommended his pal Robert Plant instead. Special guest Nikki Rous.



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Peter Capaldi

Doctor Who
(BBC1, 7.35pm)

The whole world has fallen under the sway of a mass delusion, and it seems only Bill Potts can see through it. Even the Doctor is unable to comprehend the truth, meaning it is up to Bill to set the record straight by persuading her friend that humanity is in deadly danger. But a Time Lord's conviction is not easily broken, and with the fate of an entire species on the line, if Bill cannot get the Doctor on-side, she may find herself forced to kill him. Sci-fi drama, with Peter Capaldi, Pearl Mackie, Matt Lucas, Emma Handy, Beatrice Curney, Stewart Wright, Solomon Israei, Jamie Hill and Rosie Jane, with guest star Michelle Gomez.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** **11.30 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well.** (R) **1.00 BBC News: Weather.** **1.15 Escape to the Country.** (R) **1.15 Money for Nothing.** (R) **3.15 The Flying Scotsman: Train Your Dragon.** (2010) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Jay Baruchel. **4.45 Pointless Celebrities.** (R) **5.30 BBC News.** **5.40 Regional Programme.** **5.50 Film:** *Ivanhoe*. (1952) Medieval adventure, starring Robert Taylor. **3.15 Natural World.** (R) **4.00 Flug It!** (R) **5.00 Gardeners' World.** (R) Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford.

7.35 Doctor Who. Bill steps into the role of the hero when she discovers everyone in the world has fallen under the sway of a mass delusion, including the Doctor. Guest starring Michelle Gomez.

8.25 Casualty. Elle agrees to deliver a care talk at her son Blake's school, but her speech is derailed when she discovers some unexpected truths about her child and his friends. Luckily, Josh and Jacob are on hand to help.

9.15 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes becomes concerned when Dermot announces he wants to ask his childhood friend Buster, a known criminal, to be his best man. However, she is distracted when her neighbour Winnie's husband is rushed to hospital, leaving her son trying to raise funds for his wedding by getting embroiled in a money-making scheme. (R)

9.45 BBC News: Weather. National Lottery Update.

10.05 Claque. Faced with undeniable proof of the darkness at the heart of the world, the Gorgonja have entered. Holly faces a very real dilemma. Unable to turn to Rory for support, she instead seeks advice from a new group of friends, who conspire with her to drag the truth out into the light of day. Doing so will bring the world crashing down around those who previously thought themselves unassassable, but will also serve as a point of no return for Holly.

10.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and his platoon are put in charge of manning an observation post on a derelict pier, but they are marooned when their boat drifts away. (R)

9.00 Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution – with Howard Goodall. The composer explores why the Beatles' 50-year-old album is still revered as an innovative, revolutionary and influential release.

10.00 Film: *The Sapphires*. (2012) Four Aboriginal Australian singers are propelled to stardom when they entertain American troops in the Vietnam War. Drama, starring Deborah Mailman.

11.40 Cricket: Champions Trophy Highlights.

12.30 Versailles. (R) Inside Versailles.

1.30 Film: *Miss Bala*. (2011) **3.20 This Is BBC Two.**

BBC2

6.45 Film: *Never a Dull Moment*. (1950) **8.10 Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape.** (R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R) **12.00 Great British Menu.** (R) **12.30 Real British Men.** (R) **1.00 Joan Fontaine Talking Pictures.** (R) **1.30 Film:** *Ivanhoe*. (1952) Medieval adventure, starring Robert Taylor. **3.15 Natural World.** (R) **4.00 Flug It!** (R) **5.00 Gardeners' World.** (R)

6.00 Film: *Grow Your Own*. (2007) Town residents are outraged when a refugee family is given space on their allotments to help rehabilitate a traumatised father – but both groups unite in a common cause when a mobile phone company plans to build a mast in the area. Comedy drama, starring Benedict Wong and Olivia Colman.

7.30 The Lake District: A Wild Year. For the wildlife and people who live amid the stunning scenery of the Lake District, life is one of continuous change. This documentary features cutting-edge camera techniques offering a new and unique perspective on a turbulent year in the life of England's largest national park.

8.00 The British Soap Awards 2017. Live. For the first time in its 18-year history, the annual award show is presented live, as Phillip Schofield welcomes the stars Coronation Street, Doctors, EastEnders, Emmerdale and Hollyoaks to gather at the Lowry in Salford in celebration of the year's best soaps and plotlines. Making use of the results of a public vote, along with the verdict of a panel of expert judges, the winners of the Best Actor and Actress, Villain of the Year, Best Newcomer, Scene of the Year and more are revealed.

9.00 The Keith and Paddy Picture Show. Keith Lemon and Paddy McGuinness present their half-hour remake of *Rocky*, starring Anna Friel, Marvin Humes and Andi Peters. Last in the series.

10.30 ITV News: Weather.

10.45 UEFA Champions League Highlights. Juventus v Real Madrid. Mark Pougatch presents action from the final of the prestigious competition, which took place at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff.

11.45 The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents. (R)

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes?** (R) **3.50 ITV Nightshift.**

ITV

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6.00 Regional Programme: Weather.

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8.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. The historian explores the UK's network of ancient trackways and roads, which have been walked by pilgrims, hunters and invaders over the course of the past 5,000 years. (R)

9.00 Film: Legend. (2015) Premiere. Biopic of the Kray brothers, exploring their rise to power in the London underworld and conflicts with rival gangs from the point of view of Reggie's wife Frances, who remains devoted to her husband even as he remains equally bound to his brutal, unstable sibling. Starring Tom Hardy as both twins.

11.35 Film: *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*. (2011) Cold War thriller, starring Gary Oldman and Colin Firth.

1.50 The Last Leg. (R) **2.50 Hollyoaks.** (R) **4.55 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.** **5.55 3rd Rock from the Sun.** (R)

SATURDAY'S TV JUNE 3

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Marathon: *Tobago International Sea to Sea Marathon*. (R) **6.45 Mobil 1 The Grid.** **7.15 Motor Sport:** British GT. **7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.30 Friends.** (R) **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **10.55 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.25 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.25 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **1.55 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **2.30 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **3.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **3.35 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun.** (R) **4.35 Big House, Little House.** **5.35 Location, Location, Location.** (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 Party Election Broadcast.

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8.55 5 News Weekend.

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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20 The Fairly OddParents.** (R) **10.55 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud.** (R) **11.15 Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.15 Police Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** (R) **3.10 Benefits Britain: Me & My 14 Kids.** (R) **4.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R) **5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Officers face £4,500 in court fees in North Wales after a property deal turned sour, and in Birmingham the agents try to collect over £3,500 from a single mum who defaulted on loan repayments. Elsewhere in Worcestershire, the enforcement agents try to recover more than £10,000 from a shopkeeper for fraudulently keeping a deposit during a property sale. (R)

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3.20 Close

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BBC Four

7.00 Saints and Sinners: Britain's Millennium of Monasteries. **8.00 The Search for Alfred the Great.** **9.00 Cardinal.** **10.25 Sounds of the Eighties.** **11.20 Lionel Richie – Dancing on the Ceiling.** **12.20 Lionel Richie – The Story of a Pop Star.** **1.20 Top of the Pops:** 1984. **2.20 Top of the Pops:** 1984. **3.20 Sounds of the Seventies.** **3.30 Close**

ITV2

11.15 Britain's Got Talent. **12.50 Britain's Got Talent Results.** **1.15 Take Me Out 2.35.**

2.35 Take Me Out – The Gossip. **3.40 Film:** *What a Girl Wants*. (2003) **4.40 FYI Daily Film:** *What a Girl Wants*. (2003)

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ITV4

9.00 TT 2017: *Superbike TT Race 10.* **10.00 Joyeux.** **11.00 The Man Who Conquered the TT.**

11.30 Film: *Hard Target.* (1993) **12.30 Film:** *Columbo: The Most Crucial Game* (1972)

1.35 Wycliffe 2.45 A Touch of Frost. (4.50 Agatha Christie's Marple.) **5.00 Endeavour.** **9.00 Foyle's War 11.10 A Touch of Frost.** **1.20 Wycliffe 2.15 ITV Nightscreen.**

2.30 Teleshopping

ITV5

11.05 FYI Daily 11.10 Film: *Carry On Don't Lose Your Head.* (1966) **11.55 Film:** *Columbo: The Most Crucial Game* (1972)

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SUNDAY'S TV JUNE 4

CHOICE



Ant and Dec

Britain's Got Talent Final (ITV, 7.30pm)

Ant and Dec host the climax of this year's nationwide talent search. After a week of semi-final rounds, the finalists have been chosen and will give one last performance in a bid to win the support of the British public. Judges David Walliams, Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden will once again have their hands poised over the famous red buzzers - but the votes cast by viewers will decide who will be this year's winner and get the chance to appear at this year's Royal Variety Performance. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Pentecost with the Archbishop of Canterbury. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Hunt Under the Lamp. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Drop Well for Less? (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Points of View. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Question Time Leaders Special. David Dimbleby presents a Leaders' Special Question Time with Tim Farron of the Liberal Democrats, and First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, leader of the SNP.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison report from Essex, visiting a restored oyster boat, a nature reserve for dragonflies, and a colony of common seals, and meeting people who build racing rowing boats. Steve Brown learns to fire a medieval longbow, Tom Heap reports on environmental damage caused by spoil heaps, and Adam Henson and Charlotte Smith meet a contender for Countryfile's Young Farmer Award.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents a second show from New Lanark on the banks of the Clyde, where items brought in to be valued include diamonds that were found after being hidden inside an upholstered chair, a claret jug that was rescued from a pawn shop, and a banner for Britain's oldest subscription library, founded in 1741.

9.00 Planet Earth II: A World of Wonder. A compilation of some of the most spectacular footage from the series, following wildlife living in jungles, mountains, deserts, islands, grasslands and cities.

10.00 BBC News.

10.25 Regional Programme. **10.35 Election Questions.** Green Party leader Jonathan Bartley and UKIP leader Paul Nuttall answer questions from a studio audience. Presented by Jo Coburn.

11.35 Election Questions. A discussion on the key issues of the General Election, with questions from a studio audience.

12.05 The Women's Football Show.

12.40 Film: Up There. (2012) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.45** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.30** The Beechcroft Garden. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** Saturday Kitchen: Best Bites. (R) **11.30** Britain's Best Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Harry Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.45** Laurence Olivier: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.15** Pride and Prejudice. (1940) Period drama, starring Laurence Olivier. **4.10** Natural World. (R) **5.10** Fog It! (R)

6.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway. Documentary following the work of more than 10,000 people as they race to build Crossrail - a new 43-mile train line linking east and west London, costing £15billion. As they excavate the 26 miles of tunnels, engineers must make sure that listed buildings don't crack, London Underground trains keep running, roads don't have to be shut and the City stays open. The team must drive one of their giant 1,000-ton tunnel-boring machines through a narrow gap at Tottenham Court Road station without disturbing the passengers on the platforms below. (R)

7.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assesses the profit-making potential of a fledgling fashion business, a brand of pork scratchings and a device for folding paper. (R)

8.00 The Life Swap Adventure. A nurse from Nottingham who wants to live somewhere with a sense of community swaps places with a B&B owner from Alaska, who is hoping to escape her small-town life.

9.00 Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip. Paul spends six days exploring Germany in six different cities, visiting a Cold War checkpoint, a nudist colony, and the Nurburgring racetrack, where he is joined by comic Al Murray.

10.00 White Gold. Vincent, Fitzpatrick and Lavender meet a group of men from a local publishing company, and in the showroom, receptionist Carol tries to get to grips with the new office computer. (R)

10.30 Dara O Briain Crowd Tickler. (R)

11.30 Cricket: Champions Trophy Highlights. India v Pakistan.

12.20 Film: Salvage. (2009) **1.35** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.25 ITV News: Weather.

6.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000. (R)

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10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)

11.25 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera. Alastair Stewart presents extraordinary eyewitness footage filmed by members of the public, featuring fearsome storms, encounters with nature and dramatic rescues. (R)

12.25 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming.

3.00 Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

12.10 Film: Apocalypto. (2006) Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **3.15** KÖT Boxing Weekly.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Pav Patrol. (R) **8.00** Bob the Builder. (R) **8.55** Fireman Sam. (R) **9.10** Olly the Little Blue Van. (R) **10.15** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Eat the Week.

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8.00 Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge. Dick Strawbridge and Will Hardie take a look at a cabin inspired by the legend of King Arthur and a low-tech double-decker tepee. They also travel further afield in search of inspiration for their own projects, visiting a sea fort in the English Channel and a romantic retreat in Sussex.

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale. Offred and her fellow handmaids are called on to assist as training prepares to give birth on behalf of the Owners. The experience brings back upsetting memories, as she looks back on having a baby of her own in the years before the despotic Gilead regime came to power. Offred develops a closer relationship with Ofglen, but fears for her future when she is summoned to a secret meeting with the Commander. Second episode of the drama based on Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel, starring Elisabeth Moss.

10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

11.05 Micky Flanagan's Out Out. A performance by the comedian from his nationwide tour. (R)

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6.00 Milkshake! Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Mr Men. **6.15** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.25** Wissper. (R) **6.35** Pav Patrol. (R) **6.45** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.55** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.10** Olly the Little Blue Van. (R) **10.15** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Eat the Week.

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8.00 Jackie Chan's The Forbidden Kingdom. (2008) An American teenager obsessed with kung fu movies is sent back in time to ancient China, where he joins the battle to free the imprisoned Monkey King. The only problem is he has no martial arts skills of his own, and will need the assistance of two legendary warriors to become heroes he needs to be. Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan.

10.00 Film: The Expendables 2. (2012)

The action movie team battles a rival band of hired guns who have killed one of their number. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme. Includes 5 news Update at 11pm.

11.50 Greatest Ever Disaster Movies.

Countdown as voted by 500,000 viewers of Channel 5 and readers of The Times, with contributions from actors including Robert Vaughn, George Kennedy and Ali Larter. (R)

1.15 Super Casino. Live interactive gaming.

3.10 Top 20 Funniest. A countdown of the funniest video clips in America. (R) **4.00** Tattoo Fixers. (2010) **5.00** Pampered Pets. Part two of two. A disco designed specifically for dogs. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. A selection of highlights. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarn. (R) **5.50** Roar! Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Egypt's Lost Queens. **8.00** Egypt's Lost Cities. **9.30** Egyptian Journeys with Dan Crankshaw. **10.00** Arena: American Epic. **11.00** Southern Rock at the BBC. **12.00** Later... Folk America. **1.00** Timeshift: Bridging the Gap - How the Severn Bridge Was Built. **2.00** Engineering Giants: Gas Rig Strip-Down. **3.00** Queen of Tigers. Natural World Special. **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.10 Take Me Out. **12.40** Take Me Out - I'm Gossips. **1.45** You've Been Framed! **2.45** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore. (2010) **3.45** FYI Daily. **3.50** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Reunion. **4.15** Film: Asteroid. **5.05** Film: Despicable Me. (2010) **5.20** FYI Daily. **5.35** Film: Despicable Me. (2010) **6.25** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. (2001) **7.25** FYI Daily. **7.30** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. (2001) **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent. Final. **11.00** Family Guy. **12.30** American Dad!. **12.55** The Cleveland Show. **2.20** Teleshopping. **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen.

ITV4

11.50 FYI Daily. **11.55** Film: The Nun's Story. (1959) **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple. **3.30** Foyle's War. **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. **10.00** Tommy Cooper. Not Like That. Like This. **12.05** A Touch of Frost. **2.15** Heartbeat. **3.05** My Best House Win. **4.45** On the Buses. **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen.

E4

12.00 Made in Chelsea Does Come Dine with Me. **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. **2.00** The Goldbergs. **2.55** Film: The Core. (2003) **3.35** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **10.00** Ruude Tube. **11.00** Tattoo Fixers. (2010) **1.10** Out of 10 Cats. **2.00** First Dates. **3.00** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **3.45** Hollyoaks.

Film4

11.00 Picture Perfect (1997) **1.00** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) **2.45** ParaNorman (2012) **4.35** Mirror Mirror (2012) **6.45** About Time (2013) **9.00** Red (2010) **11.10** 48 Hrs (1982) **1.00** Rust and Bone (2012) **3.30** Close

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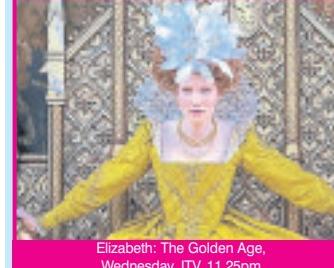
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FILM CHOICES**MONDAY****Captain Corelli's Mandolin, ITV, 10.50pm**

A soldier in the Italian invasion force controlling the Greek island of Kefalonia during the Second World War falls for a local girl, much to the disapproval of the local community, her family and the leader of the island's resistance movement - who happens to be her boyfriend. Romantic drama, adapted from the novel by Louis de Bernières, starring Nicolas Cage, Penelope Cruz and Christian Bale. (2001)

TUESDAY**Framed for Murder: A Fixer Upper Mystery, Channel 5, 3.20pm**

Small-town restoration company boss Shannon Hughes is called into help renovate a 19th-century home, only for a neighbouring resident to wind up dead. Suspecting foul play, Shannon teams up with a handsome client to turn amateur sleuth, making use of her expertise in period property to get to the bottom of the crime. Light-hearted mystery, starring Jewel Kilcher and Colin Ferguson. (2017)



Elizabeth: The Golden Age, Wednesday, ITV, 11.25pm

WEDNESDAY**Elizabeth: The Golden Age, ITV, 11.25pm**

Queen Elizabeth I faces threats at home and abroad, as Mary, Queen of Scots plots against her while the King of Spain builds a vast armada to undertake an invasion of England. Unable to reconcile her feelings for the dashing Sir Walter Raleigh with her duty to her country, the monarch engineers a romance between the courtier and one of her ladies-in-waiting. Historical drama sequel, with Cate Blanchett, Clive Owen, Geoffrey Rush and Samantha Morton. (2007)

THURSDAY**Reluctant Witness, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A woman in a witness protection programme must protect her new life and family when a man from her past turns up. Thriller, starring Mia Kirshner. (2014)

FRIDAY**The Proposal, BBC1, 11.25pm**

A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from America bribes her assistant into a marriage of convenience. Romantic comedy, with Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds. (2009)

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Getting the inside story on an extraordinary case

He was one of Hollywood's brightest and wealthiest stars, a role model to African-Americans and philanthropist for black causes. Bill Cosby was, undeniably, an American icon.

Born in Philadelphia in 1937, he came to prominence as the first black American actor to land a starring role in a mainstream TV drama, playing the role of Alexander Scott in the secret agent adventure series *I Spy* in 1965.

Throughout the 1970s he appeared in a number of films, but his career went through the stratosphere when he produced and starred in eponymous sitcom *The Cosby Show*, which was rated as the No.1 show in America for five years from 1984 to 1989.

Cosby's alter ego, the amiable obstetrician Dr Cliff Huxtable, was his crowning glory, and the impact of the show was enormous, redefining the way African-American families were represented on television.

His biographer Mark Whitaker summed up the entertainer's

legacy: "Historians will measure the seismic impact of *The Cosby Show* on the entertainment industry and on American society."

"And they will point out how, by implanting such a positive image of black family life in the national consciousness, it helped Americans envision sending a black president and his wife and daughters to live in the White House less than two decades later."

Cosby inhabited the role of Dr Huxtable so completely and for such a long time that many people were perhaps fooled into thinking the character and creator were pretty much the same person.

However, such assumptions are rarely ever correct, and despite his 'America's Dad' persona, there was, allegedly, a dark side to Cosby's life off-screen.

Over the past decade, the actor and comedian, who turns 80 next month, has been accused of drugging and raping women with impunity throughout his career.

For years, accusations from

numerous women fell on deaf ears, but ironically it was Cosby's own public pronouncements on morality which brought forth a criminal case.

When comedian Hannibal Buress publicly denounced Cosby as a rapist in 2014 without reprisal, dozens of women came forward alleging similar behaviour.

However, because their cases happened such a long time ago Cosby will face a criminal trial for only one of them. Today, on June 5, 2017, Cosby is, in Montgomery County in his home state of Pennsylvania, charged with sexual assault on a woman named Andrea Constand.

The trial is effectively the result of a single night, in January 2004, when Cosby is accused of drugging and sexually assaulting Constand, a then-30-year-old former Temple University women's basketball staffer, at his suburban home.

This film tells the story of how Cosby finally came to stand trial and explores why it took so long for allegations about him to be taken seriously.



Bill Cosby: Fall of an American Icon, Monday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY**Big Brother: Live Launch, Channel 5, 8.30pm**

It may only seem two minutes since January's 'Celebrity' run, but summer has finally arrived so Emma Willis is on hand to welcome another group of fame-seeking individuals into the revamped Big Brother house. This year, the theme is 'the United Kingdom of Big Brother' – and everyone is welcome. The famous 'eye' logo has been given a multi-coloured Union Jack makeover, while the housemates have been chosen from a range of backgrounds for what Channel 5 is describing as the ultimate social experiment. Although the identities of the housemates remains top secret, in a recent trailer teaser one person says: 'I am an heir to a country estate; while another confesses I had to marry in secret.' Get set for a few weeks of collaboration, contrasts and conflicts.

TUESDAY**Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List, Channel 4, 8pm**

Chef Michel Roux Jr and a panel of food experts blind taste-test some of the nation's favourite food and drink. Joining the host is London restaurant manager and First Dates' Fred Sirieix; journalist, broadcaster and critic Jay Rayner; baker and deli

owner Stacie Stewart, and TV presenter Lucy Alexander. The products tested are apple pie, Scotch whisky, and lamb shanks. Plus, members of the public vote for the tastiest baked beans. Be warned: this may lead to a serious case of fridge-raiding during the break.

WEDNESDAY**Ackley Bridge, Channel 4, 8pm**

TV dramas set in schools are not exactly a rarity – Grange Hill, Teachers and Hope and Glory spring to mind – but an early look at the latest to hit our screens suggests it owes more to Waterloo Road than any of the others mentioned. The BBC series was much-maligned in some quarters, but was something of a guilty pleasure to others, and Ackley Bridge may turn out to make a similar impact. Heading the cast are former EastEnders stars Jo Joyner and Paul Nicholls. She plays headteacher Mandy Carter, while he takes the role of PE teacher Steve Bell. The drama takes place in the Yorkshire town, home to

largely divided white and Asian communities. Even the two local high schools are segregated – but that all changes when one of them is closed down, forcing teenagers of all colours and religions under one roof.

THURSDAY**Channel 4's Alternative Election Night, Channel 4, 9pm**

In case you've been living on the Moon for the past couple of months, you should be well aware that the nation has been going to the polls all day. By the time this programme airs, almost everyone who wants to cast their vote will have done so – polling stations close at 10pm, and in a few hours, the first results will begin filtering through. If the idea of watching the oh-so-serious action unfold on the BBC, ITV or Sky doesn't float your boat, then Channel 4 has the perfect antidote.



Jeremy Paxman, David Mitchell and Richard Osman take charge of the proceedings and will be joined by a number of studio guests offering their views. While Paxman takes charge of the interviews, Mitchell and Osman are more irreverent, and the trio are joined by Cathy Newman and Gary Gibbon, who will analyse any breaking news.

FRIDAY**Gogglebox, Channel 4, 8pm**

New series. The first of a new six-part run in which the nation's younger viewers maintain a close eye on a range of TV output. This series sees the existing army of junior sofa critics supplemented by newcomers Roma, Joel, Jack, Sadie, Declan, Amelinda and Yoanna, who join in to offer their honest, inimitable and ultimately hilarious take on recent shows to hit the small-screen. Items under scrutiny in this opening edition include coverage of the General Election and the classic movie Grease.

Question Time**BBC1, 8.30pm**

David Dimbleby chairs a special edition of the topical debate from London as guests from the worlds of politics and the media answer questions posed by members of the public.

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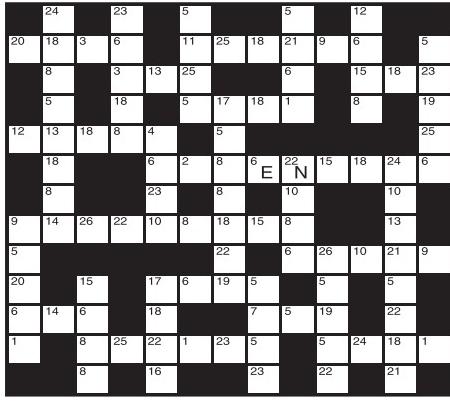
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Quiz

- Which singer was called the Empress of the Blues?
- Who wrote the opera Parsifal?
- What is a member of the Society of Jesus called?
- Which singer and actress was born Frances Gumm?
- What is the parliament building in Northern Ireland called?
- What is pemmican?
- About which leader's life did physician Li Zhizui write a book?
- What do we call the central part of a church between the choir and the entrance?
- What was the period 1811-20 called in Britain?
- Of which country is Massawa the chief port?

Double Crossword

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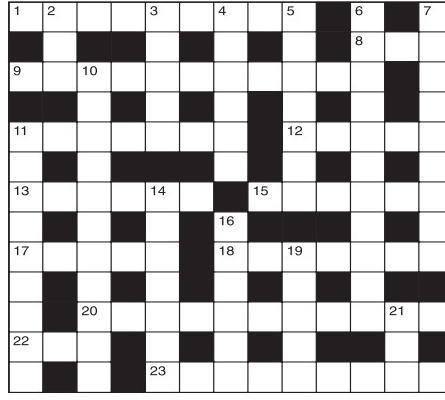
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Across

- What biased sporting photographers do! (4,5)
- See 17 Across
- End, as even the longest sentences do (4,2,1,4)
- Defensive wall to appear different near the top of the trench (7)
- Why Dracula hides another monster (5)
- Right among those different people! (6)
- Fixes a water system for the fruit, we hear (6)
- & 8Ac. He's saddled with the pack (8)
- Noble baritone gets upset when I leave (7)
- Tree producing pumice? (8,3)
- One about to show bad temper (3)
- An expert in physics (9)

Down

- A tailless hound causes a fuss (3)
- Is put in trouble - don't retire (3,2)
- Rough sketches for indoor game, we hear (6)
- What the schoolboy carries will upset nearly all the class (7)
- An obstacle to a collection of baggage (11)
- Train isn't diverted on the move (2,7)
- Trader gets hands for the ships (11)
- Clairvoyant hit copper in disorder (9)
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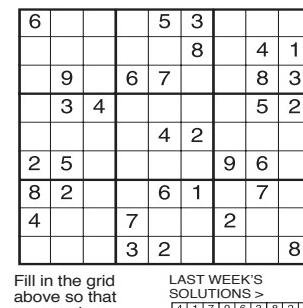
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- Rebel (4)
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Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
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Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a fruit,
gives a second fruit,
gives an Ethiopian root vegetable.

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With some quality mother-daughter time in mind, we jumped on a train and headed to London for a girls' weekend. A nice hotel, shopping therapy, fine dining and a West End show were on the itinerary.

We certainly hit the jackpot with our hotel – the stylish One Aldwych. The Grade II listed building is particularly striking both outside and in. It is a grand triangular building, dating back to 1907, which sits at the end of The Strand, opposite Waterloo Bridge.

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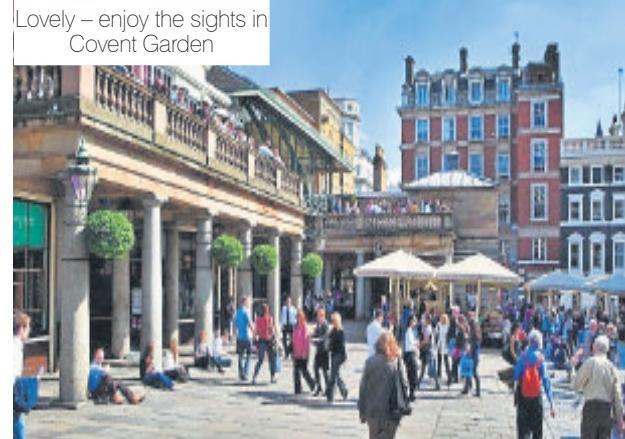
Lord Glenesk, owner of the Morning Post, commissioned Anglo-French architects to build One Aldwych which led to the unusual blend of Edwardian grandeur and some Parisian elegance. It was home to the Morning Post, where Sir Winston Churchill once worked, for some 20 years. The presses were in the basement which now houses the swimming pool.

Both the impressive Lobby Bar and the Indigo restaurant were incredibly busy during our stay with a lot of the guests not actually staying at the hotel, testament to the quality of its fare and the ambience.

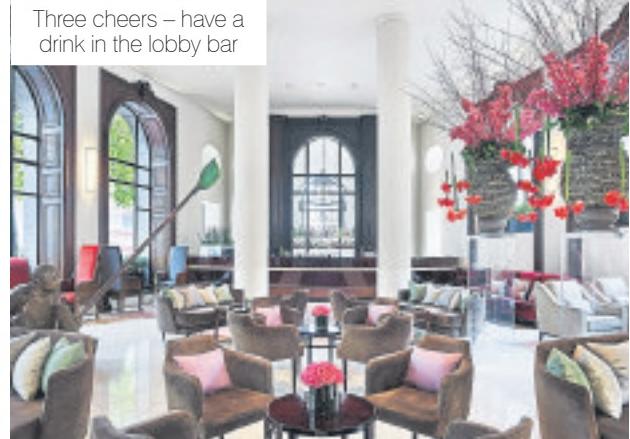
The Lobby Bar is a sophisticated, airy setting to sit and relax and has developed a reputation for both its cocktails and the afternoon tea.

The cocktails are especially creative. Inspired by the shows in the West End they are quite imaginative with my Jasmine Breeze, an Aladdin-themed cocktail,

Lovely – enjoy the sights in Covent Garden



Three cheers – have a drink in the lobby bar



coming in a lamp and actually smoking. Indigo restaurant is a slightly more formal dining experience in many ways but offers a gastronomical adventure.

There are 93 large rooms and 12 suites to suit a variety of budgets from a standard room to the extravagant deluxe suites. The hotel has a health club with pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Beauty treatments are available for some real pampering – after all you are worth it.

And if it is all about location, location, location then this is the place to be. The hotel is in Covent Garden and

ideally placed for both sightseeing and Theatreland.

We whiled away the hours pottering around the independent stalls in the Covent Garden market as well as checking out some of the top-end shop chains and enjoying a leisurely lunch. There remains quite a boho and relaxed feel to Covent Garden despite it being one of the fashionable places to pass the time.

We also checked out the hustle and bustle of Leicester Square – happy to sit in the sun and watch the many colourful and varied street entertainers.

For sightseeing Trafalgar Square was a stone's

throw away and the London Eye towered over nearby buildings.

The hotel is perfectly situated for shows being close to many theatres – across the road is the Lyceum theatre which is showing the Lion King. We took the short walk to the Vaudeville Theatre to see Stepping Out.

My daughter and I headed to London and One Aldwych for a girls' weekend but it could just as easily have suited couples or families looking for a city break and spoil themselves. After all, aren't we worth it?

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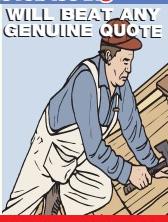
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You may have noticed that diesel is a dirty word these days and driving one marks you as a serial polluter who simply doesn't care about the air we breathe.

True or not – and modern diesels are clean enough not to blush at an approaching town – there's a swell of opinion against them that isn't going away.

So the car makers are sensibly making the alternative to diesel as attractive as possible. Without adding expensive battery power, that means turning back to good old petrol.

Take the new Hyundai i30, designed and built in Europe (Germany and the Czech Republic, to be precise) and aimed squarely at cars like the VW Golf and Ford Focus. So it had better be good.

Things start off well with a handsome car that's lighter than the old one and packed with the sort of technology a modern smartphone user takes for granted.

And under the bonnet of this particular i30 beats a new engine. Indeed, a new petrol engine that weighs less, produces more power and fewer pollutants than before and after a week on test showed 47mpg on the clear trip computer.

The diesel i30 would do better than that, of course, but I'd wager not better enough to persuade too many buyers to find the extra £250 needed to change fuels in this i30.

The least expensive new i30 also comes with petrol power, in the shape of a three-cylinder 1.0 litre engine and costs £16,995. This S-spec base car has alloy wheels, DAB radio, Bluetooth and electric windows all round. So not so basic at all.

At the other end of the price scale you find the £24,745 i30 in Premium SE trim and using the 1.6 litre diesel and driving through an automatic gearbox.

This one simply drips with kit, including bigger alloys, dual zone climate control, leather trim, a huge glass sunroof, sat nav and a heated steering wheel. The test car's Premium (non SE) grade felt as though it lacked little, enjoying electric adjustment of the driver's seat, heated seats for driver and front passenger, rear parking camera and a nicely clear satellite navigation system.

Safety features across the whole new i30 range include



It's a handsome car and packed with the technology a smartphone user takes for granted

lane departure warning, forward collision warning, autonomous emergency braking and hill start assist that keeps the brakes on for a second or two as your foot moves from brake to accelerator.

Slip into the spacious cabin (there's a generous sized boot too) and you'll face a dashboard that looks neat and modern, if not especially stylish. Clear graphics and a logical layout are pluses and it all feels properly put together.

Hyundai tested its newcomer round the famous

Nurburgring race track in Germany but thankfully resisted the temptation to turn this family car into a pretend racer (leave that to others and their GT models). The result is a car that feels sharp enough at the wheel to enjoy on twisty roads, while you know deep down the i30 really wants to slow down a bit – all the better to show off a ride that stays comfy on just about any surface.

Give it a smooth piece of road and this latest petrol-powered i30 becomes so hushed you might be in a limousine. Quietly impressive, you might say.



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Children on-board causes in car stress

A recent study has found that parents count travelling with children among the most stressful car-based activities.

The research, which asked 2,000 UK drivers about stress-inducing motoring habits, concluded that driving kids on the school run ranked as the most stressful motoring scenario.

The results also revealed that three of the top four most stressful journeys involve driving with children and babies in the car.

Sitting at the very top of the stress list was the dreaded school run, but in third and fourth positions were 'driving other people's children' and 'driving a newborn home from hospital', with 'driving to the airport to make a flight' the only journey to not involve children to make the top four.

A quarter of parents (25 per cent) admitted their nerves were at their worst driving with a new baby on board.

But protective parents also admitted that their top concern was other drivers causing an accident (37 per cent), closely followed by ensuring the baby was strapped in correctly (28 per cent).

Andy James, UK CEO at 1ST CENTRAL, the company responsible for the study, commented: "It is unsurprising that we feel stressed when carrying our most precious cargo."

"Our research shows that parents are not alone in feeling fraught when travelling with their children."

"We are working with Good Egg Safety to help shed some light on the subject and hope the tips will be useful to parents to help prevent stressful situations affecting their driving."

These tips include ensuring the child seat fits both the car and child correctly, planning journeys so they fit in with naptime and factoring in regular breaks, particularly when transporting young babies.

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We've all heard the stories, and even experienced bad and unethical practices on holiday car rental.

Now a new start-up car and rental comparison has been set up to help put an end to those practices that have been going on for years and year.

With summer looming and many of us Brits preparing the finer details of our holidays, including our car rental, now might be a good time to take a look at www.MyTripCar.co.uk

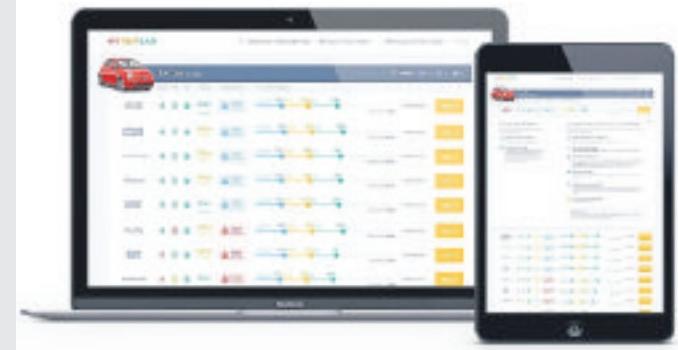
It may just put an end to nightmarish – and often stressing and costly – car rental experiences, and ensure that the customer's expectations are exceeded.

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What differs MyTripCar from the rest? It simply tells the truth, it doesn't hide any costs, it gives the real final price from the first moment, and clearly states what is the credit card hold (and options on how to reduce it), and only offers the car rental companies' official insurance (not selling worthless insurance like others do that is not accepted or recognised when ones goes to pick up the car).

"We essentially provide the user with all the information he or she needs to be able to decide the best option for them including waiting times, pick-up location, included mileage, credit card holds, and costs of all extras he or she may wish to add," explained Giles Bones who helped set up the site.

"And we do so in a clear user-friendly manner to help him or her understand the process. "What MyTripCar offers which is different to others car rental comparison sites, is essentially the level of transparency and the



The comparison interface on MyTripCar

way in which we present the information to the user.

"We classify car rentals by car types in a simple and easy-to-understand way that means the user can see how much a particular car will cost in each of the car rental companies where there is availability.

"Also we clearly show what the insurance options will mean to the car rental cost, both with the basic insurance, as well as the car company's official insurance.

"Unlike other car rentals, we do not offer

our own insurance, so as not to enter into conflict with the car rental company, which is sadly what happens with all other car rental comparison sites."

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Lining up for a team picture back in 1955



Wightwick Cricket Club Express & Star KO champions in 1968



Pete Connelly, vice-chairman, Eve Connelly, 11, Alan Russell, life member, George Turner, 10, and chairman Tim Banks



Wightwick 2nd XI Chronicle Cup Winners in 1973

Wolves All Stars play in hospital fundraiser

HOSPITAL staff are getting on the ball for a charity football match at Chaseown FC. Cardiac theatre will line up against a team of Wolves All Stars at the Scholars ground in Queen Street, on Sunday, August 13.

The aim is to raise as much money as possible for the coronary aftercare support group at New Cross hospital. Proceeds will be used to buy vital equipment for the heart and lung centre. The kick off time has yet to be confirmed, but ticket prices will be £5 with under-10s admitted for free.

Chris Jukes, Operating Department Practitioner said the match was cardio-thoracic theatre's first fundraising venture. If the big game is a success they will be looking to stage a match every year.

He said: "I have been here for just over three years. In this time we have seen cuts after cuts on our spending and less and less new equipment is being brought through. One specific piece of equipment we would like to put some money towards would be a new Transesophageal Echocardiogram machine (TOE). The TOE machine is a very valuable piece of equipment but unfortunately we do not have enough to ensure the highest level of treatment to patients while in theatres. Due to only having two we are unable to use it for every patient when three theatres are running."

Flanagan looks to end injury woes

WALSALL'S Reece Flanagan has vowed to work through the summer to ensure he is fully fit in time for pre-season. The 22-year-old has endured an injury-blighted year after first tearing his anterior cruciate knee ligament back in April 2016.

Flanagan battled his way back to full fitness only to then dislocate his shoulder in his first game back for the development squad. But after recently taking part in a two-day training block, the midfielder believes his injury woes will soon be firmly in the past.

"The aim is to come back for pre-season as normal," he said. "I need to make sure I build strength over the summer. But I can start earlier with my fitness than the rest of the lads this season. We've got another six weeks until we start, so I can build my fitness ahead of pre-season."

Boss Jon Whitney said Walsall would be careful how they monitored Flanagan's shoulder.

"We'll give it as long as we can before we start to put that through real force," he said.

Good innings! Cricket club in 70-year run

IT had humble beginnings – five men met in a pub and each put a pound in to set up a cricket club.

Now, 70 years later, the Wightwick and Finchfield Cricket Club is appealing for former members to get in touch and help them celebrate this special milestone – with one of the founder members due to attend.

The club began in 1947 when five men, returning from fighting in the Second World War, met at The Mermaid Pub, on Bridgnorth Road and decided to set up a cricket club.

Each of them put a pound in the kitty to begin the set-up of the club, which they hoped would go some way in uniting the post-war community and bring some much-needed leisure and sporting time into the area.

Popular

John Hulme, Bill Bolle, John Tuner, Ron Hampton and Fred Meredith each put their pound in. A public meeting in 1948 officially recognised the club as Wightwick Cricket Club and their first ground was the meadow in front of the then Castlecroft Hotel. It later joined with Finchfield Cricket Club in 1988 and became the club it is today.

Indeed, it now boasts hundreds of members, with thriving adult and youngster teams who play out of their home on Castlecroft Road.

Over the years the club has also hosted several international teams including Sri Lanka, Fiji, East Africa, Singapore and Argentina.

Chairman Tim Banks said: "The club is incredibly popular in the community. We welcome people of all ages to come and try out the sport

SPORTING MEMORIES

By Jessica Labhart

and take part in the social events that we put on regularly. It's a real family club and still operates in the spirit in which it was intended all those years ago."

The group is holding a reunion event on July 14 at the clubhouse to recognise the contribution former members made to the club. One of the founder members, John Hulme, who is in his 90s and lives in Finchfield, is due to attend.

Lifetime member Alan Russell, in his 70s, has been a member for more than 30 years. He said: "It's so important that we get the former members back together to show how the club has developed. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming John back, as I imagine it has changed quite a lot since he was last here!"

The clubhouse was totally redeveloped in 2005, after £250,000 was sourced by the then, chairman, Pete Connolly.

Now, the clubhouse is no longer known as 'the wooden hut' – but includes a bar, seating area and other facilities.

Mr Connolly said: "The club has stood the test of time because of the current and former members who knew and continue to recognise that it would always be an important part of the community's life."

His daughter, Eve, aged 11, plays in one of the junior teams. She said: "Cricket is just so much fun."

Anyone who would like to attend the event should email wandfcc@outlook.com.

Rutter well placed for spot on TT podium

THE biggest road race of the year is almost upon us – and Brierley Hill-born Michael Rutter has not been better placed in many years to snatch at least a podium.

Rutter remains one of the best in the business and, after a stunning North West 200 in Northern Ireland, when he secured three podiums as well as a 14th victory, many are touting good things at the Isle of Man TT.

But, as ever, the 45-year-old is keeping his feet well and truly on the ground, particularly as he had to squeeze in another National Superstock 1000 race in over the bank holiday weekend before making the trip across the Irish Sea.

"A lot people having been asking me if I fancy a podium because of how well we did at the North West went but the TT is just a completely different place," he said.

Rutter will be competing in three different classes this year, which equates to five races. But he is sure to be challenging the top five, at least, in the classes he has confirmed – the Superbike, Superstock and Lightweight, or Supertwin, classes.

Rutter will be racing a Bathams/SMT BMW on in the Superbike and Superstock, and a Paton in the Lightweight. Rutter will in action on his superbike on June 3 and June 9, the superstock June 5 and lightweight June 7.

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Byfield spars with Sahota for big return

DUDLEY'S Les Byfield has gone back to his roots ahead of his return to the ring on home turf next week.

He will lace on his gloves again at the Venue, in Dudley town centre, next Friday (June 9). The 30-year-old super featherweight, from Netherton, has had choices to make after the pro boxers section at Priory Park Boxing Club closed at the turn of the year.

'The Minefield' has done the bulk of his training for this one with Jason Astley, who used to coach him. Astley works on the security staff for Hall of Fame promoter Frank Warren, so has arranged for sparring sessions with the highly-rated Sanjeev Sahota.

Byfield has reaped the benefits and is now dead set on putting those improvements into action when Russell Midgley is the other man in the squared circle for a four-rounder.

He said: "I've had a little bit of a rest and a think about things, what with Priory Park closing to the pros. I'm back at it now, I'd never go back to unlicensed boxing after this and all I want to do is to improve. I've had a couple of niggling injuries, but they are all gone."

"I'm feeling good, Jason used to train me for all of my unlicensed fights so he knows me better than anyone and we get on well. I've gone back to my roots and it's what I need."

"I've improved as a pro but, to a point, I've stopped the progression that got me to that level. Me and Jason are getting the basics right again."

"He's got a lot of contacts in the sport, so I've been down sparring with Sanjeev. He's a strong lad, technically good. I enjoyed it, I had about five rounds with him. Now I need to be more elusive in there. We are working on those things."

Tickets, at £35 and £50 ringside, are available by calling 07976 283 157.

Helen is backing city's first family day bicycle ride

GREAT Britain Cycling Team rider Helen Scott, from Halesowen, is urging people to get on their bikes for the first ever HSBC UK City Ride in Birmingham.

On June 11 the event will be the first of 13 free to attend City Ride events across the country in 2017, and is the first step towards HSBC UK and British Cycling's ambition to get two million people on bikes by 2020.

Paralympic, world and Commonwealth games gold medallist Scott, a life member of Halesowen Cycling Club, is urging people to get on their bikes and enjoy the fun-family-friendly day.

She said: "I spent most of my childhood cycling. I started when I was 11 at Halesowen Cycling Club and I wish I'd had the opportunity to cycle with my family. I cycled with my brothers but my Mum and Dad weren't keen so it would have been lovely to have some closed roads to cycle on and have a family day out on the bikes."

The route will start at Victoria Square. The route will also feature an accessible loop, suitable for all adapted bikes. Scott added: "It is a fantastic route."

Denny up for British challenge fight



Rowley Regis fighter Tyler Denny

UNBEATEN Rowley Regis fighter Tyler Denny will contest the British Challenge middleweight title with Mike Byles with the winner likely to land a Midlands title shot.

Denny headlines the pro boxing show called 'Ruthless Rising' at the Venue in Dudley on Friday June 9.

Nicknamed 'Ruthless,' the 25-year-old steps to eight rounds for the first time after coming through six at the same venue last time out, when he overcame William Warburton on points. Byles, 29, and

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boxing out of Coventry, has twice been due to challenge for the area crown against then-champion Craig Cunningham but the fights didn't happen, due to respective injuries.

He'll see the scalp of Denny as a route back to contention and a strap to claim before resuming his hunt for the now-vacant Midlands honours. The under-card will provide four-round action for Walsall

Wood's Shaun Cooper, aka 'The Scorpion', another hometown hero, 30-year-old 'Minefield' Les Benbow, Brummie Kane Baker and Leicester fighter CJ Challenger.

Byfield steps through the ropes after a seven-month absence to resume his campaign in the super featherweight division, although he may yet drop down to feather.

Tickets are £35 and £50 ringside with waitress service. Call 07976 283 157 or contact any of the home corner boxers on Facebook.

SEAMER SEALS EMPHATIC WIN

HALESOWEN returned to winning ways with a comprehensive victory over nearby high-fliers Harborne.

After winning the toss and inserting Harborne, the bowlers were on top with right arm seamer Dylan Ross-Watt (6-19) destroying the top order. Despite a late flourish from Srikant Munde (67 no) Harborne struggled to 138 all out.

Halesowen were once again indebted to Ed Kilbee (66) and Hassan Quami (30 no) as they cruised home to win by six wickets and ease themselves off the bottom of the table.

Captain Richard Brooker said: "I am delighted with the win and we bowled particularly well."

"There are still things we can do differently but over the last week we sat down as a group and had a good long chat with club coach Richard Cox on three key areas to focus on for the team.

"It goes without saying that good teams 'go on a run' and that's our next task to back it up this weekend against Old Hill. We still have a long way to go but we now seem to be making the right moves."

In other games the 2nds 3rds and 4ths all lost with the only notable performances coming from Carl Bust (4-34) in the 3rd team and Callum Guttridge (4-29) in the 4ths.

Memorial

Meanwhile on Sunday Halesowen made the short trip to Old Hill for a memorial game to support Old Hill youngster Joe Dodd and his family, whilst raising money for the Marie Curie Cancer Foundation.

With some exciting cricket from both sides during the day the result was immaterial but showed that rivalry can still be played in an outstanding spirit.

On Bank Holiday Monday the defence of the Worcestershire Cricket Board Canterbury Cup was due to commence against local club Redditch but the successive downpours proved too much and the game will be replayed.

The club has completed the install of a new £70,000 four-bay practice facility, funded thanks to Cory Environmental Trust, England and Wales Cricket Board and the clubs own efforts.

Lakeside sink gutsy Heathens



Heathens rider Ryan Burton during the narrow defeat at Lakeside

CRADLEY just missed out on a consolation point as they slipped to a 49-41 loss at Lakeside. They put in a gutsy display around the notoriously tricky circuit - but it was not quite enough as a faultless maximum from Zach Wajtknecht led the hosts to victory.

It was a strong all-around team display from Will Pottinger's side as they ran just six last places over the course of the afternoon.

But they also accounted for just two race wins - both from impressive reserve Conor Dwyer - as the Hammers' powerhouse top three of Wajtknecht, Ben Morley and Paul Hurry made all the difference.

Team boss Pottinger admitted they were

frustrated to leave with no points to show for their efforts. "We're slightly disappointed because we were hanging in there, but we went eight points down at the wrong time and couldn't get it back," he said.

"We ran them close and on another day we could have got something."

LAESIDE: Zach Wajtknecht 15, Paul Hurry 11+, Ben Morley 11, Alfie Bowtell 8, Jamie Cousins 2, Nick Laurence 2, Alex Spooner 0.

CRADLEY: Tom Perry 10, Conor Dwyer 8+, Dan Greenwood 7, Danny Ayres 6, Joe Lawlor 5+, Luke Harris 4+, Ryan Burton 1+.

Monday night's Monmore meeting against Belle Vue was called off and has yet to be rearranged.

Heroic cup duo are on the move

GLASSBOYS have been hit by the loss of two influential performers with wide-man Chris Lait and top goalscorer Luke Benbow both agreeing to sign for National League side Solihull Moors.

After re-joining the club for a second stint last summer, Benbow netted 39 times in total during the 2016-17 campaign, and his tally of 32 in the Evo-Stik NPL Premier Division made him the Division's top scorer.

He also scored five goals in Stourbridge's FA Cup run, including two in the First Round replay win at home to Whitehawk. His impact led to him collecting four awards at the club's end of season presentation - Supporters' Player of the Year, Players' Player of the Year, Manager's Player of the Year, and the Man of the Match Trophy.

Lait spent nearly two-and-a-half years at Stourbridge. The winger suffered an injury-hit season in 2016-17 and he consequently found it difficult to capture his best form much of the time, however, he played a significant part in the Glassboys' FA Cup adventure, scoring at Mickleover Sports in the Second Qualifying Round. He then lashed in the opening goal in the 3-0 replay victory over Whitehawk.

He missed most of the last three months of the season as Gary Hackett's men missed out on promotion with a play-off final defeat.

Hackett commented: "That's football. A part of the game is dealing with departures, so we'll be doing everything we can to make sure whoever leaves is replaced. We wish them both well. Luke has been fantastic and I am sure he has every chance of doing well in the National League."

Stourbridge FC will be holding trials for the under-18s Midland Floodlit Youth League team at Old Halesonians Rugby Club on Tuesday (June 6), then June 8, 13 and 15 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Contact Kieran Bustin at kieranbustin@hotmail.co.uk with football c.v.

BCT's Keith picks up a bronze medal

KEITH Bate from Black Country Triathletes brought home a medal this weekend finishing third in his category (60-64) and taking bronze in the British Triathlon Age Group Sprint Distance Triathlon Championships.

The race was held at Strathclyde Park and involved a 750m open water swim, a 20km bike and a 5km run. Bate finished in a time of 1:14:19 just 14 seconds off 2nd place with a 14:18 min swim, 36:52min bike and a 21:14min run.

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